

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
FEDERAL COURT OF AUSTRALIA

Question No. 156

Senator Crossin asked the following question at the hearing on 31 October 2006:

Can the Court indicate whether there are any discernible patterns forming in relation to the resolving of unlawful terminations?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

In recent years the trend has been for a significant proportion of unlawful termination matters in the Federal Court of Australia to be discontinued or withdrawn, possibly on the basis of the parties reaching a settlement. This trend has continued in relation to the matters commenced since 27 March 2006.