

## Reservoir, Coburg, Braeside campaign results

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Two-thirds of businesses randomly audited in the Melbourne suburbs of Reservoir, Coburg and Braeside are complying with workplace laws, a targeted campaign by the Fair Work Ombudsman has revealed.

After doorknocking 179 employers over four days and providing them with information packs, Fair Work inspectors selected 136 businesses for audit.

Of 35 businesses with contraventions, 32 had record-keeping and/or payslip breaches, while three had underpaid nine of their staff a total of \$17,300.

The largest underpayment was \$15,325 for six employees at one business. All workers have been back-paid.

Six employers remain under investigation.

Fair Work Ombudsman Executive Director Michael Campbell says the audits were part of a rolling campaign in Victoria focused on shopping strips and industrial precincts.

He says providing information to employers about workplace relations laws and the role and function of the Fair Work Ombudsman is an important part of the campaign.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has a range of user-friendly resources on its website at [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) to assist employers comply with workplace laws, including Modern Awards and minimum National Employment Standards.

Resources for small business include a number of industry specific web pages, payslip and record-keeping templates, a self-audit checklist, template letters and fact sheets on dozens of topics including leave, industrial action, public holidays, enterprise bargaining, gender pay equality and family-friendly workplaces.

As well as Online resources, the Fair Work Ombudsman has advisers available to speak with employers and workers with questions on its Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94 from 8am-6pm weekdays.

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