

## Fair Work inspectors to visit Qld's "Ekka"

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The Fair Work Ombudsman will this month visit the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland's Exhibition Show – Ekka.

Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas Wilson says inspectors from his Brisbane office will visit the show to provide education and assistance to employers.

Inspectors will also monitor the employment records of dozens of employers to ensure casual employees at the showgrounds are receiving their correct entitlements.

Mr Wilson says many young and potentially vulnerable employees will be engaged to work at Ekka by transient employers.

"We think it is important to check that they are getting their full and appropriate entitlements," he said.

Fair Work inspectors will also ensure employers are keeping time-and-wages records for all short-term staff and are issuing payslips.

Inspectors will provide information to businesses about the free tools and resources offered by the Fair Work Ombudsman to assist employers understand and comply with their obligations.

"It's a fact that some businesses inadvertently breach workplace laws, but when we find mistakes, we're here to help and give practical advice to employers on how to voluntarily fix them," Mr Wilson said.

Last year, the Fair Work Ombudsman randomly audited 188 employers at the Royal Adelaide Show, with inspectors finding 98 (52 per cent) with contraventions.

"It is likely that some of those employers will also be attending Ekka this year, and we hope to follow up with a number of them," Mr Wilson said.

Workers or employers seeking support should get in touch with the Fair Work Ombudsman via the website – [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) - or call the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94. A free interpreter service is available on 13 14 50.

The website has a number of tools and resources including PayCheck, Payroll Check, a Pay Rate Calculator and an Award Finder to help business-owners calculate the correct pay for their employees.

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