

## 84 per cent of Qld fitness industry employers compliant with workplace law

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The Fair Work Ombudsman today released the results of its investigations into the fitness industry in Queensland.

Random audits of more than 100 businesses found that 84 per cent were compliant with workplace law.

Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas Wilson says the finding is encouraging, given the targeted campaign was conducted in response to complaints from the sector.

Fair Work inspectors checked employment records of 106 businesses in Brisbane, Cairns, Chinchilla, Goondiwindi, Hervey Bay, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Mackay, Mt Isa, the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast.

Seventeen businesses were found to have contraventions, mainly relating to the underpayment of wages. One remains under investigation.

Almost \$6000 was recovered for 11 employees including:

- \$2100 for seven Brisbane employees
- \$2000 for two Gold Coast employees
- \$1050 for one Hervey Bay employee, and
- \$800 for one Mackay employee.

Mr Wilson says inspectors have worked with each of the businesses to voluntarily rectify their breaches and put processes in place to ensure the mistakes are not repeated.

The campaign focused on employers covered by the Fitness Industry Award 2010, including centres focused on fitness, weight loss, aquatic activities, indoor sports, dance and martial arts, as well as golf driving ranges and recreational camps.

The Fair Work Ombudsman provides a single point of contact for people working or running a business in Australia to get accurate and timely information about their workplace rights and obligations.

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.

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[Queensland Fitness Industry Program 2011 Final Report \(PDF 313.8KB\) \(www.fairwork.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/714/QLD-Fitness-Industry-Report-2011.pdf.aspx\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/714/QLD-Fitness-Industry-Report-2011.pdf.aspx)

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