

Pooraka Produce Market campaign results

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Almost 80 per cent of businesses randomly audited at Adelaide's Pooraka Produce Market are compliant with federal workplace laws, the Fair Work Ombudsman revealed today.

A team of five Adelaide-based inspectors checked the books of 44 businesses at the market in June last year.

Thirty-five businesses (79 per cent) were compliant, while seven (16 per cent) recorded contraventions.

Two businesses remain under investigation.

Fair Work inspectors discovered that two businesses had underpaid a total of 13 of their staff more than \$3600.

Both co-operated with inspectors to correct the situation and voluntarily reimbursed all employees their outstanding entitlements without the need for further action.

Additional contraventions identified by inspectors relate to payslips and record keeping.

Fair Work Ombudsman Executive Director Michael Campbell says the campaign was a follow up to a 2009 audit of employers at the Pooraka market which found only 56 per cent of businesses were compliant.

"It is encouraging to see the improvement and find the majority of these businesses are now taking their workplace obligations seriously," he said.

Mr Campbell says the high number of vulnerable workers at the markets, including young people and migrant workers, means it will continue to be monitored.

"Further audits will be undertaken in the future to ensure long-term compliance," he said.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has a number of tools and user-friendly resources on its website at www.fairwork.gov.au to assist employees and employers to check minimum rates of pay.

Small to medium-sized businesses without human resources staff can also ensure they are better equipped when hiring, managing and dismissing employees by using free template employment documentation available Online.

The 'Industries' section on the Fair Work Ombudsman's website provides information specifically tailored for employers and workers in the retail, cleaning, clerical, hair and beauty, security, horticulture, fast food and hospitality industries.

Employers or employees seeking assistance or further information can also contact the Fair Work Infoline on 13 13 94 from 8am-6pm weekdays.

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