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Melbourne call centre operators face court over alleged underpayment of workers
<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110331-reacta-staffing-solutions>

31 Mar 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against the former operators of a Melbourne call centre for allegedly failing to pay five workers.

South-West WA workers back-paid \$21,000 (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110330-sw-wa-release>)

30 Mar 2011

Twenty-six workers in Western Australia's South-West region have been back-paid more than \$21,000 after targeted investigations by the Fair Work Ombudsman found they were underpaid.

\$74,000 recovered for six country workers (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110329-country-vic-backpay>)

29 Mar 2011

Six workers across country Victoria have been back-paid a total of \$74,600 following recent investigations by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Pass rate for two-thirds of SAs Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale wineries & vineyards
<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110328-sa-wine-audits>

28 Mar 2011

Almost two-thirds of employers in South Australia's Barossa Valley and McLaren Vale wine regions are complying with workplace laws, a Fair Work Ombudsman auditing campaign has found.

Qld real estate industry focus of new campaign (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110324-qld-real-estate-campaign>)

25 Mar 2011

The real estate industry in Queensland is the focus of a new education and compliance campaign by the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Real estate staff among Perth workers to receive \$146,000 back-pay (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110322-146k-backpay-for-perth-workers>)

22 Mar 2011

A number of workers in Perth have been reimbursed more than \$146,000 after recent investigations by the Fair Work Ombudsman found they were underpaid.

Cairns insurance business operators fined almost \$55,000 over underpayments

(<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110317-queensland-marine-penalty>)

17 Mar 2011

The operators of a Cairns insurance business have been fined a total of \$54,560 for underpaying two former employees.

NSW court penalties nudge \$700k this year (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110316-nsw-fines>)

16 Mar 2011

Legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman this financial year has so far resulted in nine NSW employers and two unions being fined a total of \$687,600 for breaches of workplace law.

Victorian court penalties nudge \$283k this year (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110316-vic-fines>)

16 Mar 2011

Legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman this financial year has so far resulted in seven Victorian employers being fined \$282,650 for breaches of workplace laws.

Queensland court penalties nudge \$450k (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110316-qld-fines>)

16 Mar 2011

Legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman this financial year has so far resulted in five Queensland employers being fined \$447,800 for breaches of workplace laws.

SA court penalties top \$60,000 this year (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110316-sa-fines>)

16 Mar 2011

Legal action by the Fair Work Ombudsman this financial year has so far resulted in one employer and one union being fined \$60,000 in Adelaide for breaches of workplace laws.

Brisbane call centre operators fined \$214,500 over sham contracting and underpaid staff (<http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110315-contracting-plus-penalty>)

15 Mar 2011

A Brisbane company and its director have been fined a total of \$214,500 over sham contracting and underpayments affecting more than 100 call centre workers.

Melbourne fruit & vegetable workers to share half-million dollar back-pay (<http://www.fair->

[work.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110314-cfc-retail-eu](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110314-cfc-retail-eu)

14 Mar 2011

A Melbourne fruit and vegetable retailer has agreed to back-pay 265 current and former staff after an investigation by the Fair Work Ombudsman found the workers were inadvertently underpaid more than \$464,000 over two years.

[Fair Work Ombudsman helps new Adelaide businesses get off to the right start \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110313-right-start-campaign-sa\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110313-right-start-campaign-sa)

13 Mar 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman plans to assist newly-registered businesses in and around Adelaide to understand and comply with workplace laws.

[Fair Work Ombudsman helps new Darwin businesses get off to the right start \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110313-right-start-campaign-nt\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110313-right-start-campaign-nt)

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[Employers urged to assess workplace agreements on pregnancy discrimination \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110311-coles-eu\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110311-coles-eu)

11 Mar 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman today urged employers to check their workplace agreements to ensure they are not inadvertently breaching federal workplace laws on pregnancy discrimination

[\\$155,900 recovered for underpaid workers in Melbourne's East and South-East \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110308-recovered-pay-for-melbourne-workers\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110308-recovered-pay-for-melbourne-workers)

8 Mar 2011

More than \$155,000 has been reimbursed to a number of underpaid workers in Melbourne's East and South-East following intervention by the Fair Work Ombudsman

[\\$127,000 back-pay for underpaid workers in suburban Sydney \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110304-sydney-suburbs-recovery\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110304-sydney-suburbs-recovery)

4 Mar 2011

Recent investigations by the Fair Work Ombudsman have resulted in \$127,300 being recovered for a number of workers in suburban Sydney.

[Transport companies sign up for training and reporting plan after breaching drivers' rights \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110303-ascot-nt-freight-eu\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110303-ascot-nt-freight-eu)

3 Mar 2011

Port Adelaide-based transport companies Ascot Haulage and Northern Territory Freight Services have entered into an Enforceable Undertaking with the Fair Work Ombudsman

[Retailer faces Court over alleged underpayment \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110302-wi-man-mtgi-prosecution\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110302-wi-man-mtgi-prosecution)

2 Mar 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against the operators of a Brisbane computer hardware retailer for allegedly underpaying one of its workers almost \$6000.

[Phone retailer faces court for alleged discrimination against Geelong employee \(http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110301-tiger-telco-prosecution\)](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/archived-media-releases/2011-media-releases/march-2011/20110301-tiger-telco-prosecution)

1 Mar 2011

The Fair Work Ombudsman has launched a prosecution against a mobile phone retailer for allegedly discriminating against a Geelong employee when she attempted to return from parental leave

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