

Industrial Disputes Statistics Review

The ABS has commenced a review of its Industrial Disputes statistics. The last comprehensive review of these statistics was conducted in 1999. Since then, there have been a number of changes to industrial relations legislation, but more generally the structure of the labour market and nature of work has also changed considerably. The purpose of the current review is to ensure that the collection is conceptually robust and continues to meet the critical data requirements of users. To help in this review we are seeking feedback / comment from you on the questions outlined below.

If you require further information about the review or the questions outlined below, please send an email to labour.statistics@abs.gov.au or contact Aaron Greenup on (02) 6252 6436 or Kirsty Leslie on (02) 6252 5436.

1) During the past five years do you think the overall nature of Industrial Action has changed in terms of the type of action that is taken (i.e. strikes, partial work bans etc.)?

a) If so, could you provide specific comment on how you think it has changed?

2) Do you know, approximately, what proportion of successful protected action ballots result in Protected Industrial Action being taken?

Please feel free to provide further comment relating to the topics outlined in the above questions.