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New Helpline for Small Business

Minister for Employment, Senator Eric Abetz and the Minister for Small Business, Bruce Billson today joined the Fair Work Ombudsman to launch a new helpline for small business.

We said before the election we would restore confidence in the sector, encourage growth, drive employment and innovation and this delivers on the *Coalition's Policy to Improve the Fair Work Laws*.

Small business people who call the Fair Work Ombudsman on 13 13 94 will now receive priority service which will help them to efficiently improve their understanding of the laws so they are confident to grow, invest and create jobs.

The Fair Work Ombudsman will assist small business people by reducing waiting time, educating and assisting the sector to comply with workplace laws and reduce the stress on small business owners.

Small businesses are the economic life blood of communities and this step is part of a wider program to better support and increase the productivity of small businesses.

Employers can call the Fair Work Infoline on **13 13 94** between 8am and 5.30pm weekdays to obtain free advice and assistance from a team of expert advisers. A free interpreter service is available by calling **13 14 50**.

There are also a range of tools and resources available on the Fair Work Ombudsman's website at www.fairwork.gov.au/smallbusiness.

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