Remember Fair Work Australia that has taken years to investigate Thomson:

In late 2009, then Workplace Relations Minister Julia Gillard, appointed 6 new members to serve as adjudicators on the bench of Fair Work Australia. Of these 6 appointments, 5 were ex-trade union officials and 1 was an ex-government bureaucrat.

In answers given to Senate Estimate questions from...... Shadow Minister for Employment & Workplace Relations, Senator Eric Abetz, the following has been revealed:

25 union officials applied for jobs with Fair Work Australia and 5 were successful – a success rate of one in five;

45 people from business or employer backgrounds applied and none were successful – a success rate of zero;

24 people with a legal background applied and none were successful - a success rate of zero;

30 people with a government background applied and 1 was successful – a success rate of one in thirty; and

25 people with backgrounds in human resource management or consulting applied and 0 were successful – a success rate of zero.