



Australian Government

Australian Government response to the
House of Representatives Standing Committee on
Employment, Education and Training report:

*Inquiry into the Fair Work Commission Annual Report
2019-2020*

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The Government notes the report on the inquiry into the *Fair Work Commission Annual Report 2019-20* by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Employment, Education and Training (the Committee). The Government is committed to examining Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and identifying lessons learned to improve Australia's preparedness for future pandemics. The Government announced an independent inquiry into Australia's response to the COVID-19 pandemic on 21 September 2023.

The Government also acknowledges the broad support provided throughout the inquiry for the Commission and its ability to respond quickly to its increased caseload and the COVID-19 pandemic. The Committee's satisfaction that the Commission is well placed to respond both to business-as-usual matters and in the event there is another peak in its caseload, is welcome news to the Government.