

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-001541

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Australian workplace agreements

Does the department know how many WorkChoices era Australian Workplace Agreements are still in operation?

If not- Why not

in What geographic areas are these agreements still in place ?

Does the department know how many WorkChoices era agreements are paying below the minimum wage?

Answer

The Department of Employment does not have information on how many Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs) are in operation or the pay and conditions attached to those agreements, nor their geographic location.

AWAs and enterprise agreements can continue to be operational after their notional expiry date. Enterprise agreements can also cease to be operational in circumstances where the enterprise has undergone changes such that no employees are covered by the agreement (e.g. the enterprise has ceased to trade, with no transfer of business).

The Department has no information on the operational status of expired agreements.