

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000382**

**Senator Lines provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Number of people earning penalty rates**

How many Australians earn penalty rates? How does the Department determine that? Can we have that data?

If you don't know how many people earn penalty rates how can you calculate ideas such as the Treasurer's proposed tax credits? Isn't it true there is no accurate plan or capacity to determine how people would be compensated if their penalty rates were cut?

**Answer**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics does not publish data on the number of workers receiving penalty rates.

The Productivity Commission draft report provides some estimates of workers who may receive penalty rates.

The Department has not done any calculations regarding tax credits.