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Senator Coonan asked:

Senator COONAN—Finally, is there any evidence that individual employment agreements have a lesser impact on inflation than enterprise level agreements, if I can put it in those terms?

Dr Henry—I am not personally aware of empirical studies on this. I do not know whether any of my colleagues are, but I am not.

Mr Heferen—In response to previous questions on notice from this committee in past years, the same sort of question was asked and we provided answers to the committee. It will be on the *Hansard* I think for the year before last. That was a survey of some international evidence. It seemed from the survey of the evidence that there was no real distinction between the outcomes of a firm-level deregulation and at an individual level. That material has been provided to the committee in past years. The committee secretary may be able to find that to assist the committee.

Senator COONAN—Perhaps if it is not inconvenient I might ask you if you would kindly provide it again.

Answer:

Treasury question on notice number SBT 32, titled ‘Research into Industrial Relations Reforms’ from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2–3 November 2005 refers.