

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations & Economic Strategy**

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**Senator Cameron asked on 27 February 2014 , Hansard page 93**

**Question**

**Wages and agreements database**

Senator CAMERON: I thought I might have this problem. Can I table this document and get Dr Morehead to have a look at that? I have some copies. Dr Morehead, do you do the analysis? Are you responsible for the econometric analysis, modelling and things like that?

Dr Morehead: Yes. I do not pretend to know how to do the analysis, but it falls under my responsibility. We have what we call the wages and agreements database in the department where the enterprise agreements are lodged with the Fair Work Commission. We look at those. They are all publicly available on the internet so obviously anyone can look those up. They have all the details in there.

Senator CAMERON: This is data taken from the Department of Employment. Does that look consistent with your understanding of it?

Dr Morehead: It says at the bottom 'Source: Department of Employment'. I presume you got this since the department has been created?

Senator CAMERON: I assume it has been created from the information in the department.

Dr Morehead: I will have to take it on notice. It is very difficult when you are handed a piece of paper that says 'Source: Department of Employment'. Obviously we are a new department. It goes til March 2013. I will just get my staff to check that.

**Answer**

The chart appears to be based on data from the Trends Historical Table (Current) in the former Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations quarterly publication titled *Trends in Federal Enterprise Bargaining*.

This publication is now released by the Department of Employment, still on a quarterly basis.