

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

**Outcome 9**

**DEEWR Question No. EW363\_09**

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

**Question**

*Analysis - agreements under the transitional arrangements to Forward with Fairness*

“Ms Bennett confirmed that the Workplace Authority has provided agreement data to be analysed by this group. Can the results of the analysis of agreements made under the transitional arrangements to Forward with Fairness be provided.”

**Answer**

Federal workplace agreements are provided to the Department by the Workplace Authority under the Director’s delegation, as set out in s.153C of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, for inclusion in the Workplace Agreements Database.

The Workplace Authority has provided collective agreements to the Department, including agreements lodged under the transitional arrangements. The Department analyses information from these agreements in producing the quarterly *Trends in Enterprise Bargaining* publication, which contains data on wage increases. *Trends in Enterprise Bargaining* releases are available on the [www.workplace.gov.au](http://www.workplace.gov.au) website and the latest data relates to the March quarter 2008.

No Individual Transitional Employment Agreements have been provided by the Workplace Authority to the Department, as at 15 July 2008.