

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome *Australian Industrial Registry*

DEEWR Question No. EW425_09

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

The Australian Industrial Registry has been provided with \$13.3 million to assist with the rationalisation and simplification of awards. How many awards are being rationalised?

Answer

The Australian Industrial Registry has provided the following response.

The Award Modernisation process involves the creation of new awards. It is not replicating previous award simplification or rationalisation processes. As part of the award modernisation process, the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC) expects to consider 2428 awards. Of these, 1652 are federal pre-reform awards and 1684 Notional Agreements Preserving State Awards (NAPSAs). While the Award Modernisation Request issued to the President of the AIRC does not request the AIRC to deal with enterprise awards, these are included in the above figures. The number of single enterprise federal pre-reform awards is 908 and the number of single enterprise NAPSAs is 70.