

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

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

**Outcome**            *Australian Industrial Registry*

**DEEWR Question No. EW427\_09**

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

**Question**

Will the Commission be modernising public service awards?

**Answer**

The Australian Industrial Registry has provided the following response.

As part of the award modernisation process, the Australian Industrial Relations Commission (AIRC) is required to consider all federal pre-reform awards and Notional Agreements Preserving a State Award, including any public service awards which are such awards or agreements. In addition, as the Award Modernisation Request issued to the AIRC does not request the AIRC to deal with enterprise awards, any awards or agreements, including public service awards which are enterprise awards, will not be dealt with.