

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome **WORKPLACE AUTHORITY**

Question No. **EW495-09**

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Publication of Agreement Statistics and Collective Agreements

Has the Workplace Authority provided the Wages Policy and Economic Analysis branch of the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations or any other branch with agreements and other information to assist with sampling of agreements made under Forward with Fairness Transitional legislation?

Answer

The Workplace Authority has provided the following response:

The Workplace Authority Director has delegated the function of analysing workplace agreements pursuant to s150B(1)(h) of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* to officers employed in the Workplace Agreements Database and Analysis Section in DEEWR.

Collective agreements assessed under the Workplace Relations Act as amended by the *Workplace Relations Amendment (transition to forward with fairness) Act 2008* are able to be accessed by relevant staff in DEEWR for the purposes of fulfilling the delegated function. No information concerning ITEAs has been provided to DEEWR.