

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome **WORKPLACE AUTHORITY**

Question No. **EW508_09**

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

No Disadvantage Test – Policy Guide

When the Workplace Authority is conducting the No Disadvantage Test can the agency confirm whether every agreement is checked to ensure it contains future wage increases, or at the very minimum includes future wage increases handed down by the Australian Fair Pay Commission?

Answer

The Workplace Authority has provided the following response:

Workplace agreements are tested against the pay rates in force at the time of lodgement. It is not possible for the Authority to make assumptions about what future increases may be handed down by the Australian Fair Pay Commission.