

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 9

DEEWR Question No. EW569_09

Senator Fisher asked on 2 June 2008, EEWHR Hansard pages 52 and 53.

Question

Forward with Fairness

Budget paper 1.5 says: There is [a] considerable body of research which shows that collective enterprise agreements contribute to productivity improvement. Can the department table a list of the research and a copy of the research to which this statement is referring?

Answer

Research supporting the above statement includes:

- Productivity Commission, *Microeconomic Reforms and Australian Productivity: Exploring the Links, Volume 2: Case Studies*, Research Paper, AusInfo, Canberra, 1999. Available from <http://www.pc.gov.au/research/commissionresearch/meraap>
- A Johnston, D Porter, T Cobbold and R Dolamore, *Productivity in Australia's Wholesale and Retail Trade*, Productivity Commission Staff Research Paper, AusInfo, Canberra, 2000. Available from <http://www.pc.gov.au/research/staffresearch/wholesaleretail>
- Y-P Tseng and M. Wooden, *Enterprise Bargaining and Productivity: Evidence from the Business Longitudinal Survey*, Melbourne Institute Working Paper No. 8/01, July 2001, p 28. Available from <http://www.melbourneinstitute.com/wp/wp2001n08.pdf>
- T. Fry, K. Jarvis and J. Loundes, *Are Pro-Reformers Better Performers?*, Melbourne Institute Working Paper No. 18/02, September 2002. Available from <http://www.melbourneinstitute.com/wp/wp2002n18.pdf>
- D. Peetz, *Hollow Shells: The Alleged Link Between Individual Contracting and Productivity Growth*, Journal of Australian Political Economy 56 (December 2005), pp 32-53. Available from http://www.jape.org/component/option,com_remository/Itemid,26/func,fileinfo/id,18/