SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10

Outcome **5**

DEEWR Question No. **EW0143_10**

Senator Fisher provided in writing.

Question

Award modernisation

On what basis did DEEWR consider the restaurant and catering industry had 'very high award reliance'?

Answer

Data from the ABS *Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, Preliminary* publication (Cat. No. 6305.0.55.001), released 7 April 2009, show that the Accommodation and food services industry (which includes restaurants and catering services) had the highest proportion of employees who were award-reliant in August 2008 (52.3 per cent). More recently, the ABS *Employee Earnings and Hours* final publication (Cat. No. 6306.0), released 17 June 2009, included a revised estimate which still showed that this industry had the highest award-reliance in August 2008 at 50.3 per cent.