

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2ND NOVEMBER 2006**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

AUSTRALIAN FAIR PAY COMMISSION SECRETARIAT

Outcome 1: Set federal minimum and classification wages to promote the economic prosperity of the people of Australia

Question Number: W496-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Fair Pay Commission - Economic Modelling How would the AFPC expect minimum wage increases to flow through to workers if there were fewer award classifications generally? Has any research been conducted in relation to this issue? If not, why not? If so, who did the research and what did it determine?

Answer:

The Secretariat is not in a position to comment on the AFPC's wage-setting deliberations.

The Secretariat has not commissioned or undertaken research on Australian Pay and Classification Scale rationalisation.

The AFPC, in its Wage-Setting Decision October 2006, stated, "The Commission intends to undertake further research and consultations in respect to the recommendations of the Taskforce and will commence this in 2007."