

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

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
2<sup>ND</sup> 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: W498-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing:

**Fair Pay Commission - Economic Modelling** What will the latest decision of the AFPC cost business in Australia? Has the AFPC completed research on this issue? If so, what did it say? If not, why not?

**Answer:**

The Secretariat estimated the direct percentage increase in total ordinary-time earnings as a result of the decision. This was estimated to be about one-third of one per cent of total ordinary-time earnings.

This percentage increase in total ordinary-time earnings equates to around \$1.3 billion per year.