

**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: W518-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Fair Pay Commission - Award Rationalisation When does the AFPC expect to make an announcement regarding the rationalisation of wage and classification structures? Is the AFPC considering implementing any of the models proposed by the Award Review Taskforce in its final report? If so, which ones? What is the estimated timeframes for a partial or interim completion of the rationalisation of wage and classification structures and a final deadline? Will award simplification be undertaken in consultation with the parties who created the awards at state levels?

Answer:

In its "Wage-Setting Decision No 1. 2006" the Australian Fair Pay Commission stated:

"The Commission intends to undertake further research and consultations in respect to the recommendations of the Taskforce and will commence this in 2007."

The Secretariat is not in a position to comment on the AFPC's intentions.