

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

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces

Output Group 2.2: Workplace Relations implementation

Output 2.2.1: Industry and Australian Government employment advice

Question Number: W630-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: Federal Magistrates Services (FMS) Collective Agreement Negotiation Explain how it is possible to cut and paste an entire draft agreement, provide a pay increase and put it out as an AWA with identical content reflected for all staff when the same detail cannot be reflected in the collective agreement.

Answer:

All workplace agreements entered into by Australian Public Service (APS) agencies are subject to the same policy requirements, namely the Policy Parameters for Agreement Making in the APS.

Estimated cost: Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 2 hours at an estimated cost of \$40 to prepare this answer.