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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

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Will the Commonwealth allocate any funds for the commissioning of research into the living costs of low income working families? In particular, will it ensure funding for research into the child care costs of low paid sole parents and into the housing costs of low paid working families?

Answer

Fair Work Australia have advised that for the purpose of the forthcoming minimum wages review, research is currently being undertaken to review approaches to defining and measuring living standards and needs of low-paid employees.