

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Agency - Fair Work Australia

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Senator Abetz asked on 10/02/2010, Hansard page 64.

Question

**FWA - DATE TO PUBLISH RESEARCH IN RELATION TO THE NEXT MINIMUM
WAGE REVIEW**

Senator ABETZ—If you do have that possibility, I would then ask in what areas you have sought such research, who commissioned it, who did you commission and what costs were involved. Will those reports be released publicly? Mr Giudice—In relation to the minimum wage review, to which there is specific reference in the act, research has been commissioned. That has been done by the general manager and it has been in relation to the next minimum wage review. The program provides for a tender process and all research will be published by a certain date. I do not have that date with me. But on that date all of the people interested in making submissions to the minimum wage review will have that available. So it will be a matter for public scrutiny. Senator ABETZ—You can take on notice any other area and also who you have commissioned to do those reports that are then going to be made public and how much those reports costs. Mr Giudice—Yes.

Answer

Fair Work Australia has provided the following response:

There are currently three externally commissioned research projects. These are:

Social research services. The successful tenderer is TNS Social Research.Phase One conducted in 2009, was published for the 2009-10 annual wage review on 19 February 2010. Phase Two will be published for the 2010-11 annual wage review. Total tender cost is \$304,105 (incl GST).

Industry profiles (Administrative and support services; and Personal and other services).The successful tenderer is the Workplace Research Centre, the University of Sydney. The research will be published for the 2010-11 annual wage review. Total tender cost is \$268,398 (incl GST), plus up to \$4,800 (incl GST) reimbursement for the cost of flights to enable in-face meetings with FWA.

Enterprise-level case studies.The successful tenderer is the Workplace Research Centre, the University of Sydney. The research will be published for the 2010-11 annual wage review. Total tender cost is \$753,774.60 (incl GST).