

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome 5

DEEWR Question No. EW0140_10

Senator Fisher provided in writing.

Question

Award modernisation

In regard to the Deputy Prime Minister's letter of 29 May 2009 to the President of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission relating to the restaurant and catering industry, particularly the reference;

"For example, in 2006-07, labour costs comprised 36.4 per cent of expenses. The average profit margin was 3.8 per cent for cafes and restaurants and 5.3 per cent for catering services businesses. This compares with 12.7 per cent for all industries. Furthermore, the broader accommodation, cafes and restaurants industry has a higher proportion of award-reliant employees than any other industry at 52.3 per cent, compared with 17.4 per cent across all industries."

- a) In respect of each of the sectors and industries proposed to be covered by the Cleaning Services Award 2010 (MA000022),
- i) Please provide the corresponding figures for financial years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08
 - ii) Please detail the method of calculating the above.
- b) In respect of the cleaning services sector as a whole
- i) Please provide the corresponding figures for financial years 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08
 - ii) Please detail the method of calculating the above.

Answer

The Department is unable to answer this question as the Australian Bureau of Statistics does not publish data to the level of industry detail sought by the question.