



THE SENATE

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Bill 2022

Answer to a Question on Notice for the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Asked by: Senator Payman

Asked: 15 November 2022

Question #1:

Senator PAYMAN: You said earlier you support the objective of getting wages moving. Is it correct that this year you submitted to the Fair Work Commission's annual wage review that workers should receive a three per cent nominal pay increase when CPI was at 5.1 per cent? Essentially, that would mean your request was a 2.1 per cent real wage cut for Australian workers.

Answer:

We can confirm that the position in the most recent review was, as summarised by the Expert Panel of the Fair Work Commission at [90] of the 2022 Decision ([2022] FWCFB 3500), and [7] of Appendix 2 to the decision, for an increase in award and minimum wages of up to 3%.