Inquiry secretary EEWR

Please find answers to the Committee's questions.

1. When were individual workplace agreements introduced in WA?

The Workplace Agreements Act and the Minimum Conditions of Employment Act were enacted in December 1993 establishing individual workplace agreements in WA.

2. Is the data provided on WA individual agreements cumulative? The data on individual workplace agreements in WA provided to the Committee(i.e. for the March 2000 quarter, and the December and September quarters 1999) are discrete. That is, for the March quarter, 17,357 new agreements were lodged between January and the end of March 2000. So over those three quarters a total of 49,804 agreements were lodged.

There is, however, no way of knowing how many of those lodged since 1993 are current and still actually in operation.

Hope this deals with the Committee's questions.

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