

Senate Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Treasury Portfolio

Additional Estimates

2016 - 2017

Division/Agency: Macroeconomic Conditions Division

Question No: 280

Topic: Penalty rates

Reference: Written

Senator: Ketter, Chris

Question:

Is it definitive that a cut to penalty rates will lead to more jobs being created?

Answer:

The Fair Work Commission agreed with the assessment in the Productivity Commission's Final Report on Workplace Relations that there are likely to be some positive employment effects from a reduction in penalty rates, though it is difficult to quantify the precise effect.

