

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000771**

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**Question**

Senator KIM CARR: I am interested to know how many professionals would be earning an income of \$42,000. What sort of percentage would that be?

Ms Borthwick: I do not know. We would have to take that on notice.

**Answer**

In 2014 (latest available data), 84 per cent of professionals had weekly cash earnings of \$800 or more (\$42,000 equates to \$807.69 per week).

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics' 6306.0 – Employee Earnings and Hours, Australia, May 2014 survey