

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004239**

**Senator Roberts provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Facilitate jobs growth**

Is it the case that over some reasonable time-frame that the biggest barrier to jobs could be phased out – i.e. minimum wages?

**Answer**

The independent Fair Work Commission is responsible for setting minimum wages under the *Fair Work Act 2009*.