

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

**Agency - Fair Work Commission**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000343**

**Senator Lines provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

**FWC - Low paid bargaining stream - review of operation**

Has the Commission reviewed the operation of the low paid bargaining stream?  
Does the Commission intend to review its operation?

#### **Answer**

*Has the Commission reviewed the operation of the low paid bargaining stream?*

The Commission principally acts as a tribunal which deals with applications from individuals or registered organisations. There have only been a small number of applications made to the Commission with respect to the low paid bargaining stream. It has not been necessary to separately review the operation of this stream, beyond the Commission's program to improve its own performance generally.

*Does the Commission intend to review its operation?*

The Commission has, through its Future Directions programs, been engaged in a program to increase its accessibility and transparency. No separate review has been scheduled for this element of the Commission's jurisdiction.