

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ15-000360

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Data collected on greenfields agreements

What data do you presently collect on Greenfields agreements?

- Size of the project?
- Industry?
- Numbers of potential staff?
- Union covered?
- Prevailing pay and conditions?

Answer

The Department of Employment manages the Workplace Agreements Database which collects and contains information on approved federal enterprise agreements, including approved greenfields agreements. All these agreements are publicly available on the Fair Work Commission website.

The Department codes data from the written text of agreements and accompanying forms including industry, the union(s) covered and pay and conditions such as wage increases, leave entitlements, superannuation, flexible working provisions and redundancy provisions.

With data specific to greenfields agreements, the Department does not collect data on the size of the project, wage rates or the projected number of staff because this information is not always included in the approved greenfields agreement.