Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Outcome 2 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy

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Question

Greenfields agreements - average annualised wage increase

What is the average annualised wage increase in Greenfields agreements in the last year compared to all other agreements? Can we also get this data from January 2004?

Answer

The Department of Employment's Workplace Agreement Database shows that the average annualised wage increase (AAWI) in greenfields agreements with quantifiable wage increases in the twelve months to 30 June 2015 was 3.9 per cent. The AAWI for all agreements with quantifiable wage increases approved over the same period was 3.3 per cent.

The table below lists the AAWI in Greenfields agreements and in all agreements with quantifiable wage increases approved in each calendar year from January 2004.

Year (from Jan to Dec)	Greenfields AAWI (%)	All approved agreements AAWI (%)
2004	4.0	4.2
2005	4.5	4.3
2006	4.1	3.9
2007	3.8	3.9
2008	4.4	4.1
2009	4.4	3.9
2010	4.4	3.8
2011	4.7	3.7
2012	4.9	3.5
2013	4.9	3.4
2014	4.3	3.5
2015 (six months to 30/6)	3.6	3.2