

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. EMSQ15-000376

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Fair Work Commission penalty rates case

Has the Department had anything to do with the Fair Work Commission's penalty rates case?

Answer

The Government's initial submission on the four yearly review of modern awards in February 2014, said that penalty rates are a matter for the Fair Work Commission to determine. The Government has not made any submissions to the penalty rates matters. Departmental officers have attended some of the hearings as observers.