

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. EMSQ15-000378

Senator Lines provided in writing.

Question

Penalty rates

Minister Cash said "I welcome a debate in relation to penalty rates... they certainly seem to deter weekend work, and we have more and more people wanting to open on weekends..."
Can the Department substantiate the claim by their Minister?

Answer

Evidence in relation to this claim has been provided to both the Productivity Commission and Fair Work Commission on the issue of penalty rates. That evidence is available publicly on the Productivity Commission and Fair Work Commission websites.