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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** Manufacturing Workforce -Union Members

**REFERENCE:** Written Question - Senator Bushby

**QUESTION No.:** AI-147

What percentage of the current Australian manufacturing workforce are union members?

**ANSWER**

Trade union membership in main job data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics indicates that, as at August 2010, around 17.8 per cent of those employed in manufacturing held trade union membership<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> ABS cat. no. 6310.0