SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2006-2007 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 15 FEBRUARY 2007 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

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Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.3: Workplace relations services

Question Number: W1213-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

<u>Pay and conditions scales</u> How did DEWR decide which APCSs to publish and which ones not to publish? And is it DEWR's intention to publish all APCSs eventually on its website? If so, by what date is it expected that all APCSs will be published? If not, why not?

Answer:

DEWR has to date published over 200 pay scale summaries. These pay scale summaries are summaries of notional Australian Pay and Classification Scales.

The current list of published pay scale summaries has been requested by industry associations and employer groups as well as clients of the WorkChoices Infoline.

It is not DEWR's intention to publish summaries for all pay scales as this information is freely available via the WorkChoices Infoline.

DEWR intends to publish approximately 290 pay scale summaries by the end of March 2007. Further pay scale summaries will be published in the lead up to the Australian Fair Pay Commission's next decision.

Estimated cost: Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 11 hours at an estimated cost of \$220 to prepare this answer.