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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Office of the Employment Advocate

Question Number: W273-06

Question:

Senator Marshall provided in writing:

Can you provide information about average outcomes under AWAs broken down by industry and occupational groupings? Specifically, what are the AWA pay outcomes for unskilled workers in each industry?

Answer:

Yes. ABS data covering AWA earnings is available for sixteen industries and nine occupational groups and are current as at May 2004.

The available data does not classify AWA workers into skilled and unskilled categories for each industry, hence this information cannot be provided. However, occupational groups such as Elementary Clerical, Sales & Service Workers and Labourers & Related Workers are indicative of a lower skills base.

Table 1 – AWA Average Weekly Total Earnings by Industry

	AWA
Mining	\$1,523.87
Manufacturing	\$929.59
Electricity, Gas & Water	\$1,088.99
Construction	\$922.98
Wholesale Trade	\$1,242.74
Retail Trade	\$494.10
Accommodation, Cafes & Restaurants	\$517.85
Transport & Storage	\$919.16
Communication Services	\$1,097.04
Finance & Insurance	\$1,307.59
Property & Business Services	\$475.48
Government Admin & Defence	\$1,473.10
Education	\$1,072.80
Health & Community Services	\$464.79
Cultural & Recreation Services	\$632.82
Personal & Other Services	\$517.59

Table 2 – AWA Average Weekly Total Earnings by Occupation

	AWA
Managers & Administrators	\$1,936.61
Professionals	\$1,285.33
Associate Professionals	\$1,133.91
Tradespersons & Related Workers	\$890.84
Advanced Clerical & Service Workers	\$935.07
Intermediate Clerical, Sales & Service Workers	\$618.09
Intermediate Production & Transport Workers	\$1,092.21
Elementary Clerical, Sales & Service Workers	\$407.57
Labourers & Related Workers	\$480.86