

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Agency - Fair Work Ombudsman

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Question

FWO - updating of website following wage review decision

Mr Wilson: I am pretty sure that we did meet the expectation. My hesitance is to say 'all' but we certainly gave it a stab and I will take that on notice as to about the—
Senator ABETZ: Yes, if you could and if any of those then were subsequently changed or amended because of information received. Mr Wilson: Sure.

Answer

The Fair Work Ombudsman has provided the following response.

The Fair Work Ombudsman's online pay suite tools, which include PayCheck, Payroll Check and the Pay Rate Calculator, were updated and available to provide rates incorporating the 2011 wage decision from 24 June 2011.

There was one exception to this. The building and construction base rate calculators were removed in late June 2011 while consultation took place with industry bodies (such as Master Builders Australia and the Housing Industry Association) regarding award specific issues. Upon completion of these consultations, the building and construction base rate calculators were updated with the 2011 wage decision and republished on the Fair Work Ombudsman's website on 1 August 2011.

860 Pay and Conditions Guides incorporating the 2011 wage decision were published on 24 June 2011. An additional 89 Guides required more work due to detailed arrangements in either the pre-modern award or the modern award itself. These 89 Guides were published as they were updated with the last ones published on 30 June 2011.