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To: Canberra Registry  
Subject: Award review AM2014/285

Hi, I recently spoke with staff at the Fair Work Commission in ACT regarding providing feedback for review of the SCHADS award - Review AM2014/285.

I am an Aged Care Assessor under the new MyAgedCare reforms, employed by a community services organisation.

My colleagues and myself are Home Officed and outreach to clients homes. The ATO acknowledge us as being 'Itinerant' based on a number of factors, not least the unpredictability of site locations we travel to daily.

Other awards acknowledge 'itinerant' travel as part of their reimbursement conditions. Unfortunately SCHADS is yet to address the emergence of a new style of workplace in the sector, that being a mobile workforce.

Currently I receive very little reimbursement for travel costs as the award only recognises the more traditional office based workforce or those with regular worksites.

That's to say, one can only claim from the regular workplace and between jobs, not the first and last journey (typically a commute). The fact that I am unable to claim the KM allowance for outbound and inbound journeys would suggest a Home Office does not count as a regular workplace. Again the ATO as well as other awards make this distinction whereas the SCHADS award does not.

I feel it is a great burden to expect a low to moderate paid workforce to bear the costs of running their vehicles into the ground with no recourse for fair reimbursement on those cost. I currently cover about 75% of travel myself which is done during work hours. Please consider acknowledging Home Officed and Itinerant workers in the award regarding fair reimbursement of costs, in particular, travel costs.

Please feel free to ask for clarification on any points via email.

Regards

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