



STATEMENT

Fair Work Act 2009

s.157—FWC may vary etc. modern awards if necessary to achieve modern awards objective
s.576(2)(aa)—Promoting cooperative and productive workplace relations and preventing disputes

Modern Awards Review 2023-24 (AM2023/21)

JUSTICE HATCHER, PRESIDENT
DEPUTY PRESIDENT GOSTENCNIK
DEPUTY PRESIDENT MILLHOUSE
DEPUTY PRESIDENT O'NEILL
COMMISSIONER TRAN

SYDNEY, 4 OCTOBER 2023

Modern Awards Review 2023-24 – timetable finalised.

[1] In a statement published on 26 September 2023,¹ the President set out a draft timetable for the conduct of this review. The President has since consulted with interested parties about this draft timetable, principally by way of a directions hearing conducted on 3 October 2023. Taking into account the parties' views, the timetable will be as follows:

(1) Arts and culture sector

6 November 2023:	Discussion/research paper issued.
4 December 2023:	Submissions in response due.
11 – 22 December 2023, 22 January – 2 February 2024:	Consultation with interested parties.

(2) Job security

18 December 2023:	Discussion/research paper issued.
5 February 2024:	Submissions in response due.
12 February – 8 March 2024:	Consultation with interested parties.

(3) Work and care

29 January 2024:	Discussion/research paper issued.
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11 March 2024: Submissions in response due.
18 March – 12 April 2024: Consultation with interested parties.

(4) Making awards easier to use

22 December 2023: Interested parties to file proposals/draft determinations to vary any of the identified awards and accompanying submissions.
19 February 2024: Submissions in response due.
26 February – 5 April 2024: Consultation with interested parties.

[2] The above timetable is intended to allow for completion of the review by way of the publication by the Commission of a final report on or about 28 June 2024.

[3] The timetable operates subject to the following:

- (1) Parties have liberty to apply to vary the timetable to accommodate emerging events such as legislative developments.
- (2) Specifically in relation to item (4) (making awards easier to use), a party may apply for an extension of time to file a specific proposal/draft determination and supporting submissions in relation to any one of the seven awards under consideration. Any extensions sought will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- (3) The consultation process for each item will be conducted by (a) specific member(s) of the Full Bench. The member(s) will consult with interested parties about the specific dates, times, locations and methods for consultation within the specified window after submissions have been received. This may occur by way of a directions hearing or other appropriate means.
- (4) It is a matter for each party as to the length and detail of any submissions filed in accordance with the above timetable, provided the party identifies its position and its reasons for holding that position in respect of the relevant issues.



PRESIDENT

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