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Dear Mr Rozenbes,

Request for Data – Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours 2021

Regarding the second request from the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) relating to a [review of certain C14 rates in modern awards](#), the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) provides the following response.

- (a) Whether data can be provided for the number of employees at or below the C14 rate for each of the modern awards listed, using the award code variable in unpublished microdata.

The Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours (EEH) is not designed to produce estimates for the number of employees based on the award code variable.

The ABS has reviewed the ACTU request and has concluded these estimates are not reliable or of requisite quality. This is mainly due to the reduced sample scope in this request, which only covers employees at or below the C14 rate for each of the modern awards listed.

In addition to major caveats around the quality of estimates at this level, significant suppression of data would also be required to meet ABS confidentiality and disclosure obligations.

As a result, the ABS would not consider these data suitable for release.

Kind regards,

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