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19 March 2002

The Hon. Justice Giudice
President
Australian Industrial Relations
Commission
80 Collins Street
MELBOURNE 3000

By Facsimile: 03 8650 3354

Dear President,

C.Nos.4617 of 2001 and ors – Applications to Vary awards re Living Wage Case Matters (s.108 references)

Please find attached further correspondence between ACCI and the ACTU regarding additional information on the survey included in our recent written submission.

Yours faithfully,

SCOTT BARKLAMB
Manager – Labour Relations
12 March, 2002

Mr S. Barklamb
Manager - Labour Relations
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MELBOURNE VIC 8003

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Dear Mr Barklamb,

Re: Living Wage Case

I refer to your letter of 8 March 2002. In relation to the ACCI survey would you please provide the following information:

- Copies of covering letters and/or emails sent out with the survey;
- Details regarding the basis of selection of respondents to the Survey of Investor Confidence; and
- Precise details of the weighting exercise utilised by the ACCI.

In relation to the latter request we note that your letter of 8 March 2002 provided general information but does not provide specific information regarding the numbers of firms placed in particular stratification cells for the weighting process. In particular we should be pleased if you would advise whether any of the stratification cells have a null entry and what number of cells have a number of firms less than 10 contained within them.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW WATSON
Senior Industrial Officer
15 March 2002

Mr Andrew Watson  
Senior Industrial Officer  
ACTU  
393 Swanston Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

By Facsimile: 03 9663 4051

Dear Mr Watson

Re: C.Nos.4617 of 2001 and ors – Applications to Vary awards re Living Wage Case Matters (s.108 references)

Thank you for your letter of 12 March 2002 regarding the ACCI survey on the safety net (Section 4, and Attachments 5 and 6 of ACCI’s recent written submission).

We have examined your request for additional information and are pleased to provide the following.

- The covering letter from the October Survey of Investor Confidence is attached.
- In response to your query, the selection of respondents is a random sample of our members’ members.
- The weighting process can be summarised using the attached hypothetical table and the methodology is explained below.

As set out in the first general letter, the first task we undertake is to generate the frequency count by industry by size category by response.

Expanding on this and using the table attached the second step is to generate the frequency by each industry by each employment group for each of the answers available to respondents. Then each of these frequencies is multiplied by the industry weight and by the size category weight. This then gives the final column of figures in the table. This final column is then summed by response category to give the final weighted results.
In response to your query about cells that would have a low count we report that there were such occurrences. While this was not a problem for questions 1, 2 and 3, questions 4, 5 and 6 did have small values in cells. In particular, for questions 4 and 5 response 1 (up) and 3 (down) all of these cells were recorded at less than ten responses at the industry by size breakdown. Likewise, in the 'yes' responses for question 6 all cells had ten or fewer responses when broken down by industry since the amount of respondent who indicated yes was a relatively low number of responses. The number of responses for these cells was not specifically controlled for.

We also report that there were null cells in question 4, 5 and 6 for the areas of the question where the number of responses was low. Where there were null cells the remaining value was scaled up to represent the industry.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

SCOTT BARKLAMB
Manager – Labour Relations
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Response 1: 11.0
Response 2: 78.1
Response 3: 10.8

Weighted Frequency:
| Response 1 | 24.5 |
| Response 2 | 52.5 |
| Response 3 | 23.0 |
SURVEY OF INVESTOR CONFIDENCE

By now the attached questionnaire should be familiar to most respondents to this survey. And we apologise for any inconvenience there may be in completing this questionnaire every three months.

But the information gathered is invaluable in allowing us to present the concerns of the business community to decision makers whether in the government, the public service or industrial tribunals.

Surveys are usually time consuming – this one is not. This questionnaire is designed so that it can be completed in no more than five minutes.

But although quick to complete, the results of this survey will provide critically important information about the condition of Australian industry and about the specific concerns of employers. And it will provide this information in a way which decision makers will readily understand.

Most importantly in this survey are the supplementary questions on the effect that safety net increases have had on your business. The answers to these questions will be used during the Safety Net hearing next February. Please therefore answer these questions as accurately as possible.

The data collected are completely confidential. No information which can be used to identify individual firms is sought. All individual results will be held in strictest confidence. But your contribution is invaluable to making this survey a success.

If this is to be a credible survey, it is important that there is a strong response from industry. We therefore request that you complete the questionnaire at your earliest opportunity and return it by September 21.

Your assistance in providing an employer data base is greatly appreciated.