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Commission

# STATEMENT

*Fair Work Act 2009*

s.285—Annual wage reviews to be conducted

## Annual Wage Review 2016–17

(C2017/1)

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MELBOURNE, 24 AUGUST 2016

## TIMETABLE AND PRELIMINARY HEARING

### Timetable

[1] On 27 July 2016, a Statement was issued on the timetable and preliminary hearing for the Annual Wage Review 2016–17. Parties were invited to comment on the draft timetable.

[2] Correspondence was received and published on the Fair Work Commission website.

[3] United Voice proposed an additional date for the filing of material in response to initial submissions made regarding the proposal to adopt a medium-term target for the national minimum wage. The date suggested was Monday 17 October 2016.

[4] The Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) supported the submission made by United Voice and requested that response material be filed in relation to other matters considered at the preliminary hearing by the suggested date.

[5] The Australian Industry Group had no objections or suggestions in relation to the draft timetable.

[6] The timetable confirmed at Attachment A incorporates the event proposed by United Voice and extends this to all matters considered at the preliminary hearing. The timetable will now be published on the Commission's website.

### Preliminary hearing

[7] The ACTU referred to the Annual Wage Review 2015–16 decision which stated that a background paper providing information on transitional instruments will be published later this year.<sup>1</sup>

[8] Material in relation to all matters considered at the preliminary hearing is expected to be made available on the Commission's website by Monday 19 September. Parties are invited to file submissions in response to these matters by 5.00pm Monday 10 October 2016 and submissions in reply by 5.00pm Monday 17 October 2016. Submissions can be filed electronically at [awr@fwc.gov.au](mailto:awr@fwc.gov.au)



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## Attachment A

### Timetable for Annual Wage Review 2016–17



Date	Event
20 September 2016	Interested parties to lodge expressions of interest to participate in a preliminary hearing into the Annual Wage Review 2016–17 process
10 October 2016	Closing date for filling submissions and material in relation to matters considered at the preliminary hearing
17 October 2016	Closing date for lodging reply submissions in relation to matters considered at the preliminary hearing
24 October 2016	Preliminary hearing into the Annual Wage Review 2016–17 process to deal with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• United Voice proposal to adopt a medium-term target for the national minimum wage;</li><li>• a review of transitional instruments; and</li><li>• a review of existing arrangements for employees with disability.</li></ul> Preliminary hearing scheduled in Sydney.
29 March 2017	Closing date for lodging submissions
13 April 2017	Closing date for lodging reply submissions and any submissions relating to data published after 29 March 2017
14–17 April 2017	Easter Break
5 May 2017	Closing date for expressions of interest in taking part in the final consultations
12 May 2017*	Closing date for lodging supplementary submissions limited to matters arising from the Budget
17–18 May 2017	Final consultations in Melbourne (17 May 2017) and Sydney (18 May 2017)

\* This date has been set on the assumption that the Budget for 2017–18 will be handed down on the second Tuesday of May, 9 May 2017, consistent with usual practice.

<sup>1</sup> [2016]FWCFB 3500 at para. 584.