



# STATEMENT

*Fair Work Act 2009*

s.285—Annual wage reviews to be conducted

## Annual Wage Review 2017–18

(C2018/1)

JUSTICE ROSS, PRESIDENT

MELBOURNE, 11 AUGUST 2017

### DRAFT TIMETABLE

[1] The draft timetable for the 2017-18 Annual Wage Review is attached for comment at Attachment A. Parties should also note that it is the Panel’s intention to publish questions on notice after the lodgement of initial submissions to be answered as part of the reply submissions.

[2] The *Annual Wage Review 2015–16* noted that a project to update the previous budget standards is being undertaken by the Australian Council of Social Services, Catholic Social Services Australia, United Voice and the Social Policy Research Centre which may provide contemporary budget standards data.<sup>1</sup>

[3] In the event that these contemporary budget standards are published, the Panel will consider having a preliminary hearing on their outcomes. Interested parties will be informed of the Panel’s intentions in this regard.

[4] Submissions in relation to the draft timetable should be made by close of business Friday 18 August 2017 and can be filed electronically at [awr@fwc.gov.au](mailto:awr@fwc.gov.au).

[5] All submissions will be posted to the Commission’s [website](#).



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<sup>1</sup> [2016] FWCFCB 3500 at [442].

## Attachment A

### Timetable for Annual Wage Review 2017–18



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
13 March 2018	Closing date for lodging submissions
30 March–2 April 2018	Easter Break
9 April 2018	Closing date for lodging reply submissions and any submissions relating to data published after 13 March 2018
4 May 2018	Closing date for expressions of interest in taking part in the final consultations
11 May 2018*	Closing date for lodging supplementary submissions limited to matters arising from the Budget
15–16 May 2018	Final consultations in Melbourne (15 May 2018) and Sydney (16 May 2018)

\* This date has been set on the assumption that the Budget for 2018–19 will be handed down on the second Tuesday of May, 8 May 2018, consistent with usual practice.