



# STATEMENT

*Fair Work Act 2009*  
s.285—Annual wage review

## **Annual Wage Review 2021–22** (C2022/1)

JUSTICE ROSS, PRESIDENT

MELBOURNE, 27 AUGUST 2021

### **DRAFT TIMETABLE**

[1] The *Annual Wage Review 2020–21* (2020–21 Review) stated that the timetable for the *Annual Wage Review 2021–22* (2021–22 Review) will be announced in the third quarter of 2021.<sup>1</sup>

[2] A draft timetable for the 2021–22 Review is provided at Attachment A for comment.

[3] The 2021–22 Review will allow for submissions to take into account the National Accounts for the March quarter 2022.

[4] As discussed during the 2019–20 Review proceedings, s.285(1) provides that the Expert Panel ‘must conduct and complete an annual wage review in each financial year’ (emphasis added).<sup>2</sup> It follows that 30 June 2022 provides the outer limit for the completion of the 2021–22 Review.

[5] Submissions regarding the draft timetable should be made by close of business on **Friday 10 September 2021** and can be filed electronically at [awr@fwc.gov.au](mailto:awr@fwc.gov.au).

[6] All submissions will be posted to the Commission’s website.

### PRESIDENT

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<sup>1</sup> [2021] FWCFCB 3500 at [324].

<sup>2</sup> [2020] FWCFCB 1804 at [14].

## Attachment A



### Annual Wage Review 2021–22 —Draft Timetable

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
25 March 2022	Closing date for lodging submissions
22 April 2022	Closing date for lodging reply submissions and any submissions relating to data or research published after 25 March 2022
15 April–18 April 2022	Easter
6 May 2022	Closing date for expressions of interest in taking part in consultations
13 May 2022*	Closing date for lodging supplementary submissions relating to data or research published after 22 April 2022 and/or post-Budget submissions
18 May 2022^	Consultations
3 June 2022#	Closing date for lodging submissions regarding the National Accounts March quarter 2022
7 June 2022	Closing date for lodging reply submissions regarding the National Accounts March quarter 2022

\* This date has been set on the assumption that the Budget for 2022–23 will be handed down on the second Tuesday of May, 10 May 2022, consistent with usual practice.

^ Format and location to be determined.

# This date has been set on the assumption that the ABS National Accounts data are released on the first Wednesday of June, 1 June 2022, consistent with usual practice.