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Dear Mr Taylor,

Request for data—Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours

The Fair Work Commission (Commission) has received a [request](#) from the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) to obtain data on the number of employees receiving the C14 rate for particular modern awards. The C14 rate is equivalent to the national minimum wage. This request is in relation to a [Review of certain C14 rates in modern awards](#) that is being heard before the President of the Commission.

The ACTU submitted that these data can be obtained from the Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours (EEH) (Catalogue No. 6306.0). At the time of the latest EEH for 2018, the national minimum wage was \$18.29.

The ACTU also submitted that it is not possible to obtain the requested data from the publicly available statistics. The request is therefore directed to the unpublished data. The request is attached.

While Commission staff has access to these microdata, the Commission would like the ABS to review the request and provide an indication of a) whether the treatment of the casual loading is appropriate and b) whether the data can be made available at a finer level of detail, such as the ANZSIC 4-digit level.

Please advise at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards,

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Encl. ACTU request—Review of certain C14 rates in modern awards (C2019/5259)