

WORK FORCE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, SIZE AND CONDITIONS OF WORK

901. Hon John Cowdell to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Labour Relations:

- (1) What is the current size of the Western Australian workforce?
- (2) What percentage of the Western Australian workforce is covered by -
 - (a) Federal Awards and Enterprise Agreements;
 - (b) Australian Workplace Agreements;
 - (c) State Awards and Enterprise Agreements;
 - (d) State Workplace Agreements; and
 - (e) Common Law Contracts?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

- (1) 930 800 persons - September 2000.
- (2) The data requested is not available for any Australian State or Territory. The Australian Bureau of Statistics is however conducting a survey. Findings are due for release during the first quarter of 2001. For Western Australian public sector employees the relevant percentages are:
 - (a) Federal Awards (0.38%) / Federal Certified Agreements (32.81%);
 - (b) Australian Workplace Agreements (0.31%);
 - (c) State Awards (3.38%) / State Industrial Agreements (41.10%);
 - (d) State Workplace Agreements (21.93%); and
 - (e) Common Law Contracts (Not available).