



2008 Minimum Wage Review Process and Meeting Schedule

1st Quarter

Submissions

- 2008 submissions open until Friday 14 March

Research

- Release of Economic and Social Indicators – Monitoring Report
- Ongoing internal analysis to support Commission
- Research Advisory Committee meeting

Consultations

- Focus groups in capital cities and regional areas
- State-based consultations and visits
- Findings from consultations and focus groups considered
- Business Consultative Group
- Disability Roundtable

Commission Meetings

- February 8 (Melbourne)
- March 7 (Sydney)

2nd Quarter

Submissions

- Submissions closed
- Submissions considered by Commission

Research

- Ongoing internal analysis to support Commission

Consultations

- State-based consultations and visits
- Post-Budget consultations and considerations
- National Peak meetings
- Findings from consultations considered

Commission Meetings

- April 4 (Melbourne)
- April 28 (Melbourne)
- May 14 (Melbourne)
- May 23 (Melbourne)
- June 9 (Melbourne)

3rd Quarter

Submissions

- Submissions closed

Research

- Release of Economic and Social Indicators – Monitoring Report
- Publication of commissioned research
- Research Advisory Committee meeting
- Ongoing internal analysis to support Commission

Consultations

- Business Consultative Group
- Disability Roundtable

Minimum Wage Decision

- Announcement and publication of Decision Document in July

Commission Meetings

- July 4 (Melbourne)
- August 8 (Adelaide)
- September 5 (Sydney)

4th Quarter

Submissions

- 2009 submissions open and advertised nationally

Research

- Ongoing internal analysis to support Commission
- Minimum Wage Research forum

Consultations

- Ongoing

Minimum Wage Decision

- Implementation of July Minimum Wage Decision in October

Commission Meetings

- October 3 (Melbourne)
- November 7 (Brisbane)

Key to Processes

Submissions – The Commission invites submissions to its annual minimum wage reviews. A 'call for submissions' is advertised in the national media and on the Commission's website. The 'call for submissions' lasts for approximately 3 months. All submissions lodged as non-confidential are posted on the Commission's website as soon as practicable after the submission closing date.

Research – Internal research and analysis to support Commission deliberations and decisions is ongoing. Research is also commissioned throughout the year and all externally commissioned research is published at the time of the Minimum Wage Decision announcement in July. A Research Advisory Committee meets twice per year to provide advice on data gaps and future priorities.

Consultations – The Commission consults with a wide range of groups on an ongoing basis. The formal consultations for 2008 are focused in the early part of the year and involve state-based visits and consultations, focus groups, meetings with national peak bodies and industry sector groups.