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Sent:	Wednesday, 3 January 2024 11:42 AM
To:	s 22(1)
Subject:	FW: Small Claims Review - report update and Budget 2024-25 s 22(1)
Attachments:	DRAFT Small Claims Review Recommendations.docx

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Hi all – email sent to s 22(1), FYI. Thanks s 22(1)

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From: S 22(1) Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 11:39 AM To: S 22(1) Cc: S 22(1)

Subject: Small Claims Review - report update and Budget 2024-25

His 22(1)

Happy New Year! This email is to provide you with an update on the Small Claims Review and related measures to be considered in the 2024-25 Budget.

Small Claims Review final report

The Review is overseen by a Band 2 Steering Committee, chaired by DEWR, and supported by an EL2 Working Group. The agencies represented on the Steering Committee and the Working Group are DEWR, the Fair Work Ombudsman, the Fair Work Commission, the Attorney-General's Department, the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, and the Federal Court of Australia.

The Working Group have now completed drafting the Small Claims Review Report. A Steering Committee meeting has been scheduled for 17 January 2024 to endorse the report. Following endorsement, the report will be provided to the Minister via ministerial submission.

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As many of the recommendations fall to the Attorney-General to take forward, the Minister may wish to write to the Attorney following receipt of the final report (we will provide a draft letter in the submission package).

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss. We will provide a further update following the Steering Committee meeting on 17 January.

Kind regards s 22(1)

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Subject:	FW: Small Claims Review report <mark>s 22(1)</mark>
Attachments:	DRAFT Small Claims Review - Final Report - January 2024.docx

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When you are free, could you please give me a call regarding the $\frac{22(1)}{2}$

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Report

X January 2024

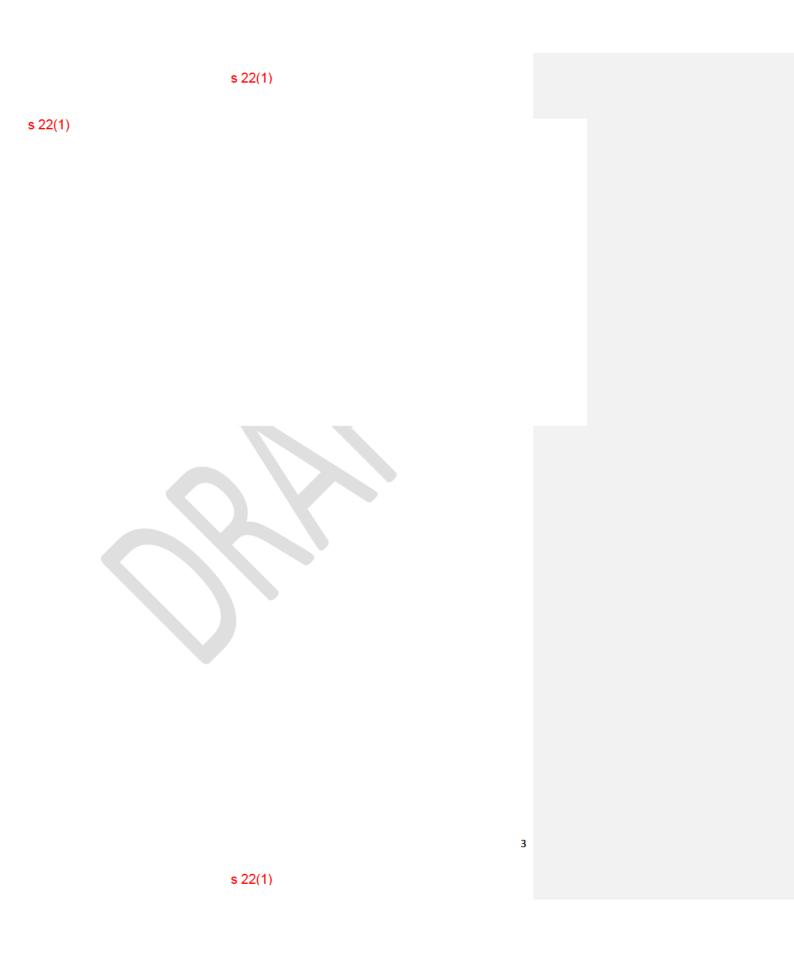
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Issue 2: Use of alternative dispute resolution in a tribunal

In line with the terms of reference, the consultation process sought feedback from stakeholders on whether conferring jurisdiction on a tribunal to handle small claims would be beneficial. This consultation canvassed what features of such arrangements would be beneficial for vulnerable workers.

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The Hon Tony Burke MP Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations Minister for the Arts Leader of the House

Reference: MS24-000036

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP Prime Minister Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

s 34(3)

I write to

seek agreement to bring forward additional proposals and make variations to existing authority to be considered in the 2024–25 Budget context. I seek to bring forward additional proposals, limited to those that are urgent and unavoidable and that support the Commonwealth Government's Working for Australia agenda. I am committed to limit the impact of my proposals noting our current fiscal environment and the need for offsets. As such, I will bring forward low-cost options in addition to higher cost options for all proposals requiring new authority where there are financial implications.

I have attached a list that summarises the proposals and submissions I seek to bring forward in the 2024–25 Budget context (see <u>Attachment A</u>). In addition, I have attached draft New Policy Proposals for additional items seeking authority.

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Yours sincerely

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From: Sent: To: Cc: s 22(1) Wednesday, 31 January 2024 8:16 PM s 22(1) s 22(1)

Subject:

RE: Further Feedback - Workplace Relations NPPs s 22(1)

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Have been chatting to ^{s 22(1)} and I understand you reached out to him earlier on this – here's the rough draft of the NPP that's gone to AGD as a starting point; it's still subject to AGD feedback (which we anticipate could be extensive, though we are actively trying to manage that risk).

Also just to flag that ^{s 22(1)} hasn't had the opportunity to consider the draft at all, and I've only done a light touch noting time constraints and the need to get something to AGD.

Will come back to you as soon as we can with a version agreed between departments – though exact timing will of course depend on when (and what) we get from AGD.

Happy to chat.

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Dear Minister

Small Claims Review

I write in response to your letter about the Commonwealth Government's review of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth) (**FW Act**) small claims procedure and your request to engage with South Australia in this review.

The South Australian Government supports any initiatives to simplify the process for workers to recover unpaid wages and welcomes the opportunity to engage with the Commonwealth on this review.

Our perspective in relation to the small claims procedure is heavily informed by the experience of the South Australian Employment Tribunal (**SAET**) dealing with Commonwealth monetary claims. The SAET has significant exposure to these matters, with 332 claims under the FW Act filed in the 2021-2022 financial year.

In our view the SAET represents a best practice model for how a specialist industrial court can operate both fairly and accessibly. We encourage the Commonwealth to consider the SAET as potential model when approaching the small claims review.

This is particularly noting that the overwhelming feedback we receive from industrial relations stakeholders in South Australia is that the SAET is a more convenient and accessible jurisdiction than comparable Federal courts, and that litigants prefer to conduct disputes in the SAET where it is possible to do so.

By way of background, the SAET was created in 2014 as a "one stop shop" for employment and industrial relations disputes in South Australia. It has jurisdiction over a wide range of industrial relations matters including monetary claims, common law employment contract disputes, workers compensation, long service leave, work health and safety, dust diseases, and state-system industrial relations.

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Importantly for present purposes, the South Australian Employment Court is recognised as an 'eligible State or Territory court' and has jurisdiction to hear and determine certain Commonwealth industrial claims under s 539 of the FW Act.

It should be noted that the SAET applies the same dispute resolution processes to all monetary claims – not just small claims. It is rare for a litigant to proactively nominate the Commonwealth small claims procedure in the SAET, as this makes little practical difference to how a claim is dealt with procedurally.

There are several features of the SAET's dispute resolution process which we would urge the Commonwealth to consider in the small claims review:

- There is no filing fee payable to commence a monetary claim in the SAET, nor is there a fee for a matter to be listed for alternative dispute resolution or final hearing and determination. Parties can generally expect there will be no court fees payable at any point of the proceedings.
- The application form for monetary claims and pecuniary penalties is in plain language and does not require detailed pleadings. While the SAET may require parties to provide further and better particulars prior to hearing to ensure on the other party is on notice of the case to answer, this is not required at the commencement of the case.
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- At hearing the SAET is required to conduct proceedings with the minimum of formality necessary to achieve procedural fairness and a just outcome. The court is not bound by the strict rules of evidence and is required to act according to equity, good conscience, and the substantial merits of the case without regard to legal technicalities and forms.

These features operate to make the SAET highly accessible to self-represented litigants and non-legal practitioners, while providing flexibility for the court to adopt a more rigorous procedure where a case involves complex legal or factual issues.

Given the widespread support from stakeholders for the SAET to continue dealing with FW Act claims, we take this opportunity to identify three potential improvements to the way jurisdiction over Commonwealth matters is currently exercised, which we would be grateful to be considered during the review.

First, eligible State or Territory courts currently have substantially restricted powers when dealing with monetary claims compared to Federal courts. An eligible State or Territory court can only order an employer to pay an amount to an employee pursuant to s 545(3). In comparison, Federal courts may make "any order the court considers appropriate" including an injunction pursuant to s 545(1).

This has a particularly significant effect in cases of deliberate phoenixing activity. A Federal court can impose a range of orders to restrain phoenixing, including by imposing monetary orders on a director personally so they cannot avoid liability by shifting between corporate entities. In comparison, eligible State or Territory courts are largely powerless to intervene in these situations.

Second, eligible State or Territory courts currently have no jurisdiction in relation to contraventions of the responsible franchisor provisions under s 558B of the FW Act.

This is a somewhat unusual omission in the context of eligible State or Territory courts' otherwise broad monetary jurisdiction. A court such as the SAET may be in the position of assessing whether an individual franchisee has contravened a civil remedy provision, but with no power to determine the subsequent issue of whether the franchisor knew or could reasonably have known the contravention would occur.

These two issues mean litigants are forced to seek relief from the Federal courts at greater expense, and with greater barriers to accessibility, than proceedings conducted in the SAET. In our view this is contrary to the policy objective of the SAET being a "one stop shop" for employment and industrial relations disputes.

In these circumstances we would be grateful if the Commonwealth would consider amending sections 539 and 545 of the FW Act to align the powers of eligible State and Territory courts with those of the Federal courts.

Thirdly, some stakeholder groups have raised concerns that eligible State or Territory courts cannot hear general protections matters under Part 3-1 of the FW Act.

General protections claims often arise concurrently with monetary claims, such as where adverse action is taken against an employee because they have sought wages and conditions under their industrial instrument. Workers involved in these matters currently have to seek relief for through the Federal courts and cannot have a general protections matter dealt with alongside the monetary component of their claim in an eligible State or Territory court.

We appreciate that conferring jurisdiction in relation to general protections claims may have greater resourcing implications for the SAET than the other two amendments outlined above, and we would welcome the opportunity to consult further with the Commonwealth on this issue. I thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the small claims review.

If your office requires any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my industrial relations adviser Angas Oehme on (08) 7424 6700 or via email at angas.oehme@sa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Kyam Maher MLC Minister for Industrial Relations and Public Sector

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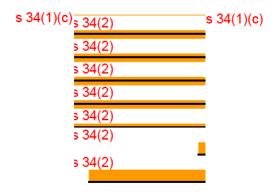
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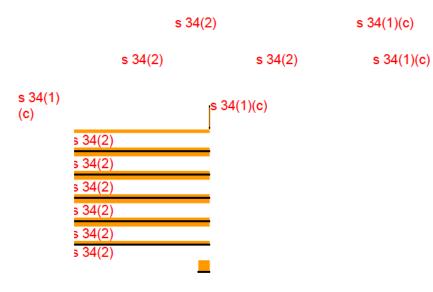
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Sent:	Tuesday, 19 March 2024 9:57 AM
То:	s 22(1)
Cc:	s 22(1)
Subject:	RE: Additional authority letter and draft NPP s 22(1) s 22(1)
Attachments:	Correspondence from Minister Burke - s 47C(1)

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His 22(1) – yes, it was sent yesterday – please see attached.

Thanks, s 22(1)

s 22(1) | Departmental Liaison Officer Workplace Relations | Office of the Hon Tony Burke MP P:s 22(1) | M:s 22(1) | E:s 22(1)

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From: s 22(1) Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 9:51 AM To: s 22(1) Cc: s 22(1) Subject: RE: Additional authority letter and draft NPP s 22(1)

s 22(1)

Thanks ^{s 22(1)}, do you know if the letter has been sent to the PM?

s 22(1) , A/g Assistant Secretary Workplace Relations Consultation Branch Safety and Industry Policy Division Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Mobile s 22(1)

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From: \$ 22(1) Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 10:09 AM To: \$ 22(1) s 22(1) Cc:s 22(1)

Subject: RE: Additional authority letter and draft NPP [S 22(1)

s 22(1)

Hi all – for your info, please see attached updates made by $\frac{22(1)}{10}$ to the letter and NPP.

Thanks, s 22(1)

s 22(1)| Departmental Liaison OfficerWorkplace Relations| Office of the Hon Tony Burke MPP:s 22(1)| M:s 22(1)| E:s 22(1)

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From: S 22(1)
Sent: Saturday, March 16, 2024 1:14 PM
To: S 22(1)
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Cc:s 22(1)
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Subject: Additional authority letter and draft NPPs 22(1)

s 22(1)

Good afternoon s 22(1)

Please find attached a letter to the Prime Minister requesting authority to bring forward an additional NPP in the 2024-25 Budget, and a draft of that NPP.

Let me know if you require anything further.

Kind regards

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Executive Officer to Deputy Secretary Workplace Relations Group Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Mobile s 22(1) dewr.gov.au

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Hi ^s 22(1)

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Thanks, s 22(1)

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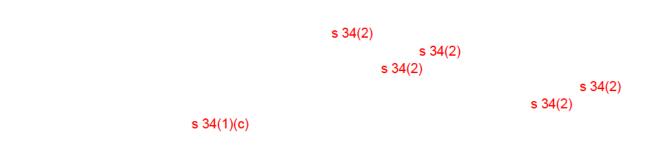
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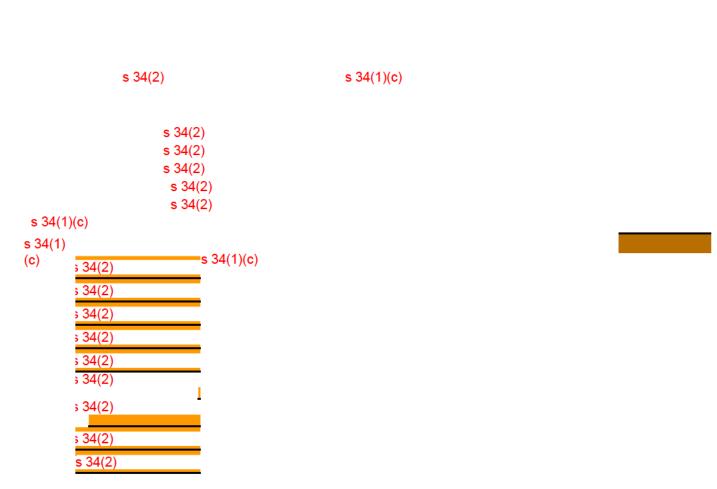
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 Sent:
 Wednesday, 20 March 2024 12:29 PM

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 Subject:
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His 22(1)

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Kind regards

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s 22(1) A/g Assistant Secretary

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Subject: \$ 47C(1) \$ 22(1)

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His 22(1)

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Cheers, s 22(1)

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To:	s 22(1)	
Cc:	s 22(1)	
Subject:	RE:s 47C(1)	s 22(1)

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His 22(1)

Thanks for your call earlier. Confirming that the change to the title has been effected given the comments from centrals.

I have also spoken to the AGD AS as well (as mentioned she tried to call me at the same time you did). s 47C(1)

Kind regards

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Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2024 10:23 AM
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Subject: RE: \$ 47C(1) \$ 22(1)

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Thanks^{s 22(1)} – that approach sounds sensible. Appreciate the team's quick consideration given the timeframes.

Cheers, s 22(1)

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Sent:			
То:	s 22(1)		
Cc:	s 22(1)		
Subject:	RE: 2024-25 Budget Prioritisation - DEWR s 22(1)		
Attachments:	2024-25 EWR Prioritisation Handling.pdf		

s 22(1)

His 22(1)

Many thanks for forwarding through. We've had a thorough review within the department.

For visibility, ^{\$22(1)} is keen for us to discuss this with the Minister at PBM on Monday.

Very happy to discuss.

Best s 22(1)

s 22(1)

From: \$ 22(1) Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 1:03 PM To: \$ 22(1) Subject: 2024-25 Budget Prioritisation - DEWR \$ 22(1)

s 22(1)

His 22(1)

Here's the list that we have received and are able to comment on.

I've been advised that \$ 34(3)

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Please could you send through any comments from the Department on this list by cob Friday 1 December?

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Many thanks s 22(1)

s 22(1) Senior adviser Office of the Hon Tony Burke MP Phone: s 22(1) or s 22(1)

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