2024 STATE WAGE ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTION 50A OF THE ACT

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION

COMMISSION IN COURT SESSION

CITATION : 2024 WAIRC 00342

CORAM : CHIEF COMMISSIONER S J KENNER

SENIOR COMMISSIONER R COSENTINO

COMMISSIONER T EMMANUEL

COMMISSIONER T B WALKINGTON

COMMISSIONER T KUCERA

HEARD: WEDNESDAY, 22 MAY 2024, THURSDAY, 6 JUNE

2024

DELIVERED: TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2024

FILE NO. : CICS 1 OF 2024

BETWEEN: COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION

Applicant

AND

(NOT APPLICABLE)

Respondent

Catchwords : State Wage order – Commission's own motion – Minimum

wage for employees under the Minimum Conditions of Employment Act 1993 – Award rates of wage – Award

minimum wage – State Wage principles

Result : 2024 State Wage Order Issued

Representation:

Mr B Entrekin on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Industrial Relations

Mr C Harding and with him Dr A Wesley and Mr S Collins on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia

Mr K Sneddon of counsel and with him Mr G Hansen, Mr R James, Mr R Sumner and Mr J Brinkman on behalf of UnionsWA

Ms E Hull on behalf of the Western Australian Council of Social Service Inc No appearance on behalf of the Western Australian Local Government Association

Case(s) referred to in reasons:

2024 State Wage Case: [2024] WAIRC 00293

Supplementary Reasons for Decision

THE COMMISSION IN COURT SESSION:

- The Commission in Court Session published its reasons for decision in the 2024 State Wage Case on 12 June 2024: [2024] WAIRC 00293. A minor compounding issue has been raised by the Minister in the calculation of the increase in the State Minimum Wage, reflecting the realignment of the C14 to the C13 classification rate of a 2.3% increase and the general 4% increase. Whilst the SMW was increased by 6.3% in the minute of proposed General Order, it should be increased by 2.3% as a first step, to align the C14 to the C13 classification rate. As a second step, that figure should then be increased by 4%. This reflects the intention of the Commission's decision. This will increase the SMW to \$918.60 per week. The other section 50 parties agree with this course.
- A revised minute of proposed General Order, giving effect to our decision, now issues.