

## **Enterprise bargaining in Australia:** the state of play

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1. Private sector enterprise bargaining is on a steep decline

Agreements current in the private sector at each year end			
2009	2014	2018	
21,620	18,460	10,391	

2. The FWC is receiving fewer agreements to approve

Total enterprise agreements lodged by year			
2009–10	2013–14	2017–18	
7,420	6,754	5,287	

3. The number of private sector employees covered by enterprise agreement has fallen



4. The number of current (in-term) enterprise agreements has declined significantly in Hospitality and Retail



5. The Construction sector has also seen a sharp decrease

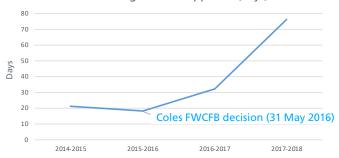


6. Wage growth under enterprise agreements is on the decline, reflecting wage growth generally

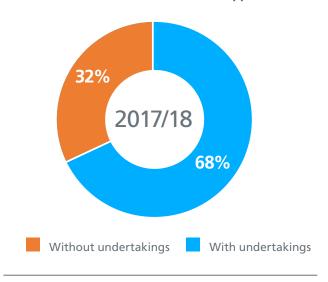


7. The approval process is more complex and rigorous





8. This has led to more undertakings being required by the FWC to cure defects and allow approval



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