

[1.7] The current ACTU ambit claim should again be rejected in favour of a genuinely moderate and targeted increase that properly balances the economic, labour market and other factors to be considered by the Commission.

What’s Changed?

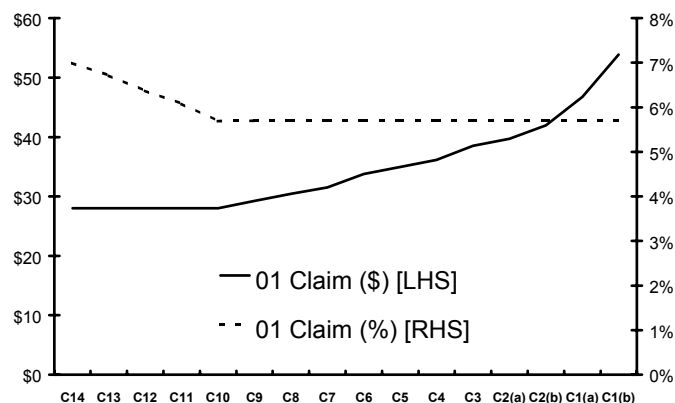
[1.8] The current ACTU claim differs from those of previous years in the level of increase sought for those at higher award levels. Figure 1 outlines the structure of ACTU wage claims in recent years:

Figure 1 - ACTU Wage Claims Since 1997 – Structure

Year	Flat \$ Claim	Cut Off	Claim Above Cut Off
1999	\$26.60	C7	5.0%
2000	\$24.00	C7	5.4%
2001	\$28.00	C10	5.7%
2002	\$25.00	-	\$25.00

[1.9] In previous years the ACTU has effectively asked the Commission to award a minimum increase of between 5.0% and 5.7%, with higher increases payable to those classified above either C10 or C7. This is illustrated graphically in Figure 2 for the claim that give rise to the May 2001 decision.

Figure 2 - Structure of the 2001 ACTU Wage Claim⁴



⁴ Source: *Safety Net Review – Wages May 2001 decision* [Print PR002001]