



## Average Weekly Earnings, May 2017<sup>1</sup>

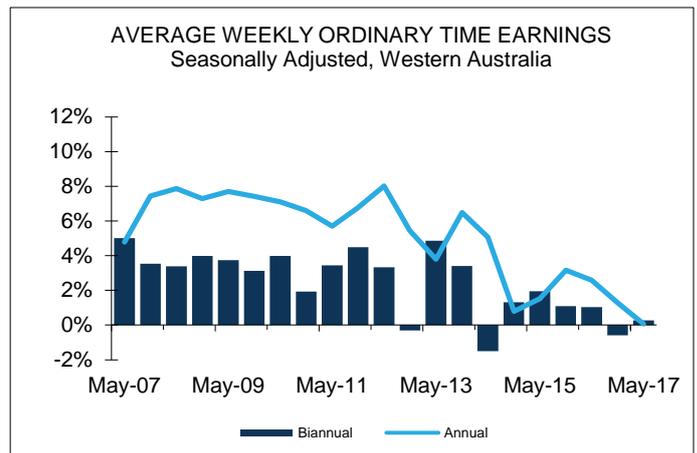
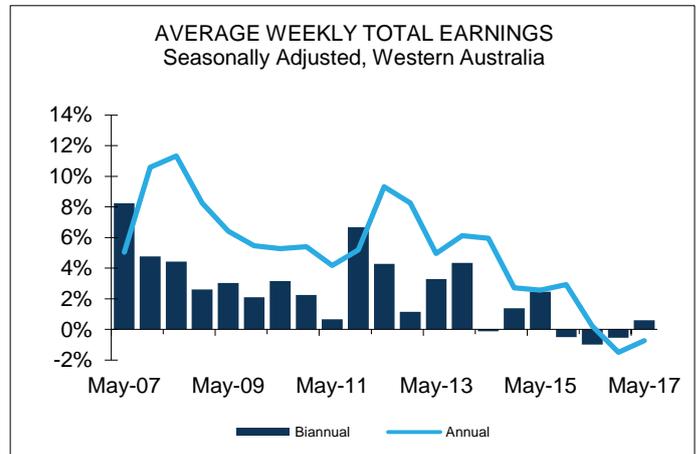
### Key Facts

#### Western Australia

- Western Australia's average weekly earnings increased by 0.4% over the six months to May 2017, to stand at \$1,333. In annual average terms, average weekly earnings rose by 0.5%.
- The State's average weekly ordinary time earnings increased by 0.7% over the six months to May 2017, and rose by 0.3% in annual average terms to May 2017, to stand at \$1,715.
- Note: Average weekly earnings data are not only affected by changes in wage rates, but also by changes in average hours worked or in the composition of the workforce (such as the industry, occupation and gender of employees). Such compositional changes are not reflected in the Wage Price Index (released yesterday) which measures movements in the wages of a basket of jobs of a fixed quantity and quality.

#### Australia

- Nationally, average weekly earnings rose by 1.3% in the six months to May 2017, and increased by 1.6% over the year, to stand at \$1,179.
- In annual average terms to May, the largest increase in average weekly earnings by State was 4.6% in the Northern Territory. The smallest increase was 0.4% in Queensland.
- Australia's average weekly ordinary time earnings rose by 0.6% over the six months and increased by 2.0% in annual average terms to May 2017, to \$1,543.



### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS BY STATE May 2017

	Average Total Earnings			Average Weekly Ordinary Time		
	Value	% Change Over:		Value	% Change Over:	
		Year	6 months		Year	6 months
New South Wales	\$1,202.3	0.9%	0.7%	\$1,545.8	0.4%	0.7%
Victoria	\$1,128.1	3.4%	1.5%	\$1,513.7	4.5%	1.3%
Queensland	\$1,126.9	0.4%	0.9%	\$1,497.3	2.5%	1.1%
South Australia	\$1,081.6	3.7%	1.9%	\$1,450.3	3.7%	0.5%
Western Australia	\$1,333.2	0.5%	0.4%	\$1,714.7	0.3%	0.7%
Tasmania	\$1,017.2	4.1%	4.2%	\$1,354.1	1.7%	0.8%
Northern Territory	\$1,400.7	4.6%	-0.1%	\$1,616.5	4.2%	-1.3%
Australian Capital Territory	\$1,391.2	0.7%	2.2%	\$1,775.9	2.3%	1.8%
Australia	\$1,179.0	1.6%	1.3%	\$1,543.2	2.0%	0.6%

<sup>1</sup> This economic note includes data from the new average weekly earnings series, which commenced from the November 2012 release and is reported on a biannual basis. Historical data is sourced from the previous average weekly earnings series, released on a quarterly basis.



## Average Weekly Earnings, November 2017<sup>1</sup>

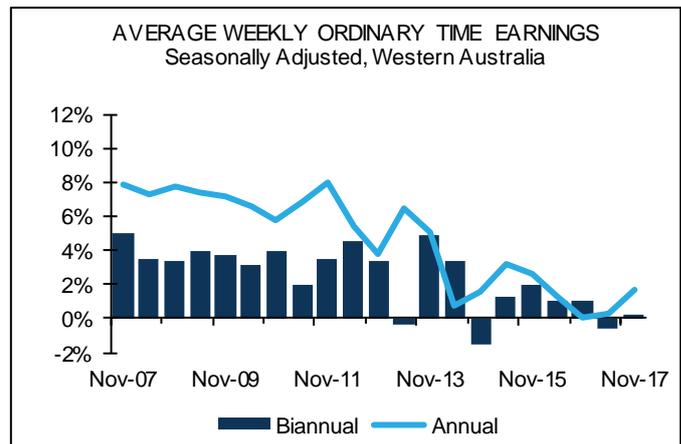
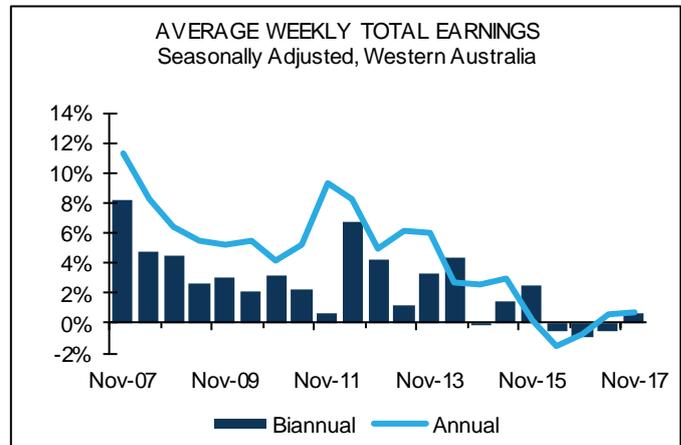
### Key Facts

#### Western Australia

- Western Australia's average weekly earnings declined by 0.1% over the six months to November 2017, to stand at \$1,333. In annual average terms, average weekly earnings rose by 0.7%.
- The State's average weekly ordinary time earnings increased by 1.6% over the six months to November 2017, and rose by 1.6% in annual average terms to November 2017, to stand at \$1,743.
- Note: Average weekly earnings data are not only affected by changes in wage rates, but also by changes in average hours worked or in the composition of the workforce (such as the industry, occupation and gender of employees). Such compositional changes are not reflected in the Wage Price Index (released yesterday) which measures movements in the wages of a basket of jobs of a fixed quantity and quality.

#### Australia

- Nationally, average weekly earnings rose by 1.1% in the six months to November 2017, and increased by 2.0% over the year, to stand at \$1,192.
- In annual average terms to November, the largest increase in average weekly earnings by State was 5.6% in Tasmania. The smallest increase was 0.7% in Western Australia.
- Australia's average weekly ordinary time earnings rose by 1.7% over the six months and increased by 2.1% in annual average terms to November 2017, to \$1,570.



#### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS BY STATE November 2017

	Average Total Earnings			Average Weekly Ordinary Time		
	Value	% Change Over:		Value	% Change Over:	
		Year	6 months		Year	6 months
New South Wales	\$1,224.40	1.6%	1.7%	\$1,585.90	1.8%	2.6%
Victoria	\$1,153.80	3.5%	2.3%	\$1,518.20	2.6%	0.3%
Queensland	\$1,140.90	1.3%	1.2%	\$1,525.20	2.8%	1.8%
South Australia	\$1,075.00	2.7%	-0.6%	\$1,440.10	1.0%	-0.7%
<b>Western Australia</b>	<b>\$1,332.50</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>\$1,742.80</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Tasmania	\$1,022.10	5.6%	0.5%	\$1,354.60	1.1%	0.0%
Northern Territory	\$1,443.50	2.1%	3.1%	\$1,647.90	1.8%	1.9%
Australian Capital Territory	\$1,394.30	2.3%	0.2%	\$1,800.60	3.0%	1.4%
<b>Australia</b>	<b>\$1,191.50</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>\$1,569.60</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

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