

Over \$400,000 in unpaid worker entitlements recovered in 2017/18

Industrial Inspectors in the Private Sector Labour Relations Division assisted Western Australian workers recover a total of \$458,290 in unpaid wages and entitlements in the last financial year.

This amount included nearly \$300,000 in unpaid long service leave and \$137,000 in wages and other entitlements under WA awards, such as annual leave and tool allowances.

The largest amount was \$30,000 for a worker covered by the *Motor Vehicle (Service Station, Sales Establishments, Rust Prevention and Paint Protection) Industry Award*.

The amounts recovered show that many small business employers are not complying with employment obligations, particularly in relation to long service leave. The **Wageline website** (<http://www.dmirs.wa.gov.au/wageline>) provides resources for employers to assist with record keeping and calculating long service leave entitlements.

Employees who believe they have been unpaid under a WA Award, the state minimum conditions of employment, or who have not been paid a long service leave entitlement should visit the **Wageline website** (</labour-relations/making-complaint-about-underpayment-wages-or-entitlements>) or contact Wageline on 1300 655 366 for more information.

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