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**To:** Chambers - Ross J  
**Cc:** Julia Fox; Sue-Anne Burnley  
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Dear Justice Ross,

Following Decision [2018] FWCFB 6850, issued on 8 November, the SDA anticipates that the process to plain language the General Retail Industry Award 2010 is near completion.

The SDA would like an indication from the Commission of when the plain language award will become operational please?

The SDA's preference is that this should be done as a matter of priority to enable parties to work through the General Retail Award 2010 – Substantive issues (AM2014/270) using the new plain language award. The process of having to revert between the current General Retail Industry Award 2010 and a final draft Plain Language General Retail Industry Award [2018] with different clause references and language would be likely to add complexity and result in a more protracted process for the Commission and the parties to resolve claims.

Regards,

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