

Public Service Medal recognises effort to assist employers and employees with wages

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Fair Work Ombudsman Assistant Director of Education Adam Rodgers has been recognised in the 2011 Queen's Birthday Honours for his work in creating an Online tool that helps employees calculate how much they should be paid.

Mr Rodgers, previously Acting Director of Performance Analysis and Research, developed and oversaw the creation of a suite of PayCheck resources to assist employers and employees calculate the base rates of pay for a particular job, taking into account Modern Awards.

He was yesterday awarded the Public Service Medal in recognition of the positive effect his outstanding service and innovation has had on business owners and workers.

Fair Work Ombudsman Nicholas Wilson commended Mr Rodgers, observing that the PayCheck suite was a revolutionary approach to workplace relations information services in Australia.

"It's the first web tool of its kind that is user-friendly and can be accessed 24-7 by anyone in the country to help them find out what they should be paid," Mr Wilson said.

Between February, 2010 and the end of May, 2011, there had been more than 1.48 million searches recorded on PayCheck.

Mr Rodgers, who has been with the Agency and its predecessors since 1998, said of his Medal today: "I'm thrilled to be an award recipient for envisioning and delivering PayCheck. Creating it took the work of many talented people within the Fair Work Ombudsman involving design, programming testing and data capture. It's as much a reflection of the quality of people in the Agency as my own personal contribution."

Mr Wilson paid tribute to Mr Rodgers, saying: "Adam developed the initial concept of PayCheck and saw it through every step of the way from design to consultation and implementation.

"It is significant that this Online tool is also highly valued by experienced industrial relations users both within the Fair Work Ombudsman as well as key stakeholders such as unions and industry organisations.

"Receiving the Public Service Medal as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours is wonderful recognition for all of Adam's hard work and commitment to the Agency."

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