

**Senate Economics Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Treasury Portfolio**

Additional Estimates, 15 February 2006

**Question: AT 5**

**Topic:** *Provision in the act regarding work choices*

**Hansard Page:** E29

**Senator SHERRY asked:**

But we are not talking about the act here. We are talking about the document and the conversation we are having on that.

**Mr Heferen**—This is about the government's package, and a key element of the government's package, as I understand it—and I must confess that I do not know the particular provision in the now act, but certainly officers from DEWR will be able to locate it, and I could take it on notice—is the provision of ensuring that people's current entitlements do not fall.

**Answer:**

Part VA Subdivision D and Part VA Subdivision K of the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005* address the guarantee against reductions below pre-reform commencement rates and adjustments to incorporate the Australian Industrial Relations Commission's 2005 Safety Net Review decision.