

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2004-2005 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
17 FEBRUARY 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Office of the Employment Advocate

Question Number: W166-05

Question:

Senator Marshall asked at *Hansard* page 8:

Please provide to the Committee the additional expenditure required in the OEA processing division and regional offices to cater for the increase in the numbers of AWAs being lodged.

Answer:

In 2004-05 the OEA will spend an additional \$2.67 million to increase the number of, and to process, AWAs lodged by small businesses.

The additional funds will be allocated to three activities:

- Increasing Processing Efficiency: \$1,558,000 – 58% of additional funds
- Promotion: \$578,000 – 22% of additional funds
- Education: \$518,000 – 20% of additional funds