

**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

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.5: Employee Entitlements Safety Net Schemes

Question Number: W196-05

Question:

Senator Allison asked at *Hansard* page 44:

The Auditor-General's report in 2004 into the scheme says that around 9,500 employees are waiting for payment of entitlements for redundancy in excess of eight weeks:

- (a) Have any of these workers received any further payments since that report was handed down?
- (b) How many workers are still awaiting payment of entitlements for redundancy pay in excess of eight weeks?
- (c) What is the total sum that the workers are still owed?
- (d) What consideration has been given to speeding up those payments, and when can they expect to receive their money?

Answer:

Under the SEESA arrangement, workers are not eligible for redundancy payments in excess of eight weeks. Any payments for redundancy in excess of eight weeks are the responsibility of the Ansett Administrators.