

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

**2005-2006 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
16 FEBRUARY 2006  
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation**

**Output Group 3.1: Working Age Policy Group**

**Output 3.1.1: Working Age Policy Legislation**

**Question Number: W677-06**

**Question:**

Senator Siewert asked at *Hansard* page 77:

Have you had discussions with the states about these classifications and whether family carers and kinship carers are actually registered as foster carers and will meet your exemptions? Have discussions been held?

**Answer:**

Officers from the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) have consulted with all the States and Territories community services departments, as well as other relevant non-government organisations, such as the Australian Foster Care Association (AFCA), Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare and the Association for Children's Welfare Agencies, regarding what constitutes a registered and active foster carer under legislation.