

**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 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.1: Workplace relations policy and analysis

Output 2.1.2: Workplace Relations Legislation Development

Question Number: W726-06

Question:

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

QON W596-06 WorkChoices civil penalties –

- a) Where is this at?
- b) What work has the department done?
- c) Has a draft bill been finalised?
- d) If so, has it been to Cabinet?

Answer:

The existing civil penalties in the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* were reviewed as part of the development of the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005*.