

**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 2.1.1: Workplace relations policy advice**

**Question Number: W728-06**

**Question:**

*Senator Marshall asked in writing:*

Has communication been had between DEWR and the ILO on aspects of the WorkChoices Act and how it impacts upon Australia's ILO obligations. Please outline a chronology and information about what has occurred and when. What problems have been identified? How is the Government/department responding?

**Answer:**

On 13 January 2006 DEWR wrote to the International Labour Office advising of the enactment of the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Work Choices) Act 2005* and outlining the key aspects of the legislation. No response to the communication has been received from the ILO.

There has been no other communication between DEWR and the ILO on the WorkChoices reforms.

In developing the WorkChoices legislation, the Government was mindful of Australia's international obligation