

**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:** W737-06

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 113:

a) What are the legal costs that have been incurred by the department in the current financial year in relation to the intervention into the 2006 national wage case and each of the state wage cases; b) What legal counsel appeared for the government?

**Answer:**

(a) There have been no legal costs incurred in relation to the National Wage Case.

As at 31 March 2006, we have incurred costs of \$280,328.25 in relation to the state wage cases in which the Minister has intervened – those in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

(b) The Minister was represented by Departmental employees in the federal proceedings.

The Minister has been represented by the following counsel in applications to intervene in the State wage cases:

- New South Wales – Mr Robert Goot AM SC
- Queensland – Mr Glenn Martin SC
- South Australia – Mr Paul Slattery QC and Mr Andrew Tokley
- Western Australia – Mr Anthony Power
- Tasmania - Mr Steven Amendola, Solicitor, Blake Dawson Waldron.

The Department also engaged Blake Dawson Waldron, Solicitors.