

**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: W740-06

Question:

Senator Wong asked at Hansard page 120:

In relation to the regulations that will form part of the WorkChoices legislation, how many regulations there will there be for the committee to consider in mid-March?

Answer:

The regulations will commence at the same time as the WorkChoices Act, expected to be later in March. Those regulations:

- repeal the Workplace Relations Regulations 1996 and make the Workplace Relations Regulations 2006 and prescribe various matters (e.g. prescribing prohibited content) as well as transitional regulations made under the Work Choices Act;
- amend the *Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Regulations 2003* to accommodate the amendments to Schedule 1 to the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* made by the Work Choices Act;
- make consequential amendments to 52 Acts (under item 2 of Schedule 4 to the Work Choices Act) and 4 regulations consequential on amendments made by the Work Choices Act.