

**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**

**OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE**

**Question Number:** W771-06

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing:

How many offices is OEA setting up around the country? What progress has been made to date and have any difficulties been experienced? When does it expect to have its offices complete and open and will this be in time for the commencement of the IR legislation?

**Answer:**

Whilst the OEA is not setting up any new offices, the OEA is relocating its existing offices in all State capitals and Darwin.

The Property Unit of the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) has made, and will continue to make, all the necessary property arrangements. Presently, the OEA and DEWR are completing the concept floor plan phase. The OEA has not experienced any difficulties with the planned fitouts and relocations.

DEWR's Property Unit plans to complete all fitouts nationally this financial year. The fitouts will be finalised after the commencement of the new legislation.