

**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: W774-06

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Further to QON W534-06, In light of the legislated need for parental consent to an AWA for those under the age of 18, will the Department or OEA have any plans to begin recording the age of complainants?

Answer:

As a result of the *WorkChoices* amendments, the OEA will no longer undertake the compliance function. The responsibility for investigation into alleged breaches of the Act will in future be with the Office of Workplace Services. In the interim, the OEA does not plan to amend its systems to enable the recording of the age of complainants.