

**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: W781-06

Question:

Senator Marshall asked at *Hansard* page 105:

What proportion of your budget do you expect will be focused on the lodgement of AWAs? Please provide a breakdown of the numbers and staffing levels for the lodgement function.

Answer:

Based on budgeted expenditure for Agreement Services, Client Services and Legal, but excluding IT and indirect expenditure, the budget forecast for the twelve months ending 30 June 2006 is that the OEA will utilise 22% of its 2005-06 budget on the lodgement function relating to AWAs. This takes account of the three quarters of the financial year during which the OEA was responsible for AWAs alone, and the single quarter when the OEA will receive lodgements of both AWAs and collective agreements.

Staff numbers and classifications on a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) basis for 2005-06 are:

Classification	FTE
OEA 2	11.4
OEA 3	17.0
OEA 4	28.8
OEA 5	9.4
OEA 6	11.8
OEA M1	4.8
OEA M2	1.0
SES	1.0
Total FTE	85.2