

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
15 FEBRUARY 2007
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

Output 3.1.2: Research and evaluation

Question Number: W1091-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: DEWR advertised for a Chief Economist in May 2006. In response to W1031-07 DEWR advised that no Chief Economist had yet been appointed - has one been appointed yet? **a)** At what stage is this process at? **b)** How many people have been interviewed and when were they interviewed? **c)** When will this appointment be made?

Answer:

No, the Chief Economist has not been appointed. Three applicants were interviewed between June and November. We are reviewing our options for filling the position.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 1.5 hours at an estimated cost of \$30.