

**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

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Question Number: W1101-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* pages 21 to 22.

With regard to the peak disability organisation, the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations, what was the nature of the confidentiality agreement that made the representative of that body choose not to continue? Please provide a copy of the agreement, when it was prepared, when the Minister first requested preparation of the agreement and, what it extended to.

Answer:

The nature of the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations' (AFDO) concerns about the Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Deed Poll is a matter for AFDO.

The Deed Poll was prepared during the second half of 2006. The preparation of the Deed Poll was initiated by the department and was agreed to by the Minister. The Deed Poll requires DisAG members to maintain the confidentiality of information to which they have access through DisAG and to ensure there is no conflict of interest.