

**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

Corporate

Question Number: W1157-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: How can DEWR justify the fact the AWA template does not contain protected award conditions on the basis that previously there have been trade offs of protected award conditions for an increase in salary and conditions in 'individual workplace agreements'?

Answer:

There are still trade-offs of terms and conditions, including protected award conditions, within AWA's. The AWA template can be used as a starting point for negotiations for an AWA.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 3.66 hours at an estimated cost of \$72.40.