

**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: W1162-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: Given the AWA template excludes all protected award conditions, must that person seek approval or take other action if an employee seeks to include a protected award condition in their AWA? If so, (a) what action must be taken and (b) how many requests/approvals/other have been sought since 27 March 2006 about protected award conditions, and what was the outcome/response from DEWR in each instance?

Answer:

If an employee wishes to include a protected award condition in their AWA they may seek do so through negotiation.

Information about the number of requests/approvals about the inclusion of protected award conditions in AWAs since 27 March 2006 is not readily ascertainable, and to provide the requested answer would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 2.66 hours at an estimated cost of \$52.40.