

**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 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.3: Workplace relations services

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Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme How many ADRAS providers have registered? a) where are they, who are they? b) how many of those have received payment through the scheme? c) does DEWR impose limits on the rates they can charge ADR clients, if so, how much?

Answer:

a) The Department does not maintain a register of individual ADR providers.

The Department has signed memoranda of understanding with a number of professional organisations who each maintain a panel of ADR providers. These organisations and the locations in which their panel members provide services are listed below:

Member Coverage	Professional Organisation
National	Australian Commercial Disputes Centre
	Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia
	LEADR
NSW	NSW Bar Association
	Law Society of NSW
	Relationships Australia
Vic	Law Institute of Victoria
	The Victorian Bar
Qld	Bar Association of Queensland
	Queensland Law Society
	Relationships Australia
SA	Law Society of Western Australia

	Law Society of South Australia
WA	Relationships Australia
	Western Australian Dispute Resolution Association.
NT	Law Society of the Northern Territory
	Relationships Australia
Tas	Law Society of Tasmania
	Positive Solutions
	Relationships Australia
ACT	ACT Bar Association
	Conflict Resolution Service
	Law Society of the ACT

b) As at 28 February 2007, no applications had been received so no payments have been made through the Scheme.

c) The Department does not impose limits on the rates that ADR providers can charge eligible parties under the Scheme.

Estimated cost: Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 2 hours and 10 minutes at an estimated cost of \$40 to prepare this answer.