

**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 2.1: Workplace relations policy and analysis

Output 2.1.1: Workplace relations policy advice

Question Number: W1205-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

AWA analysis With reference to the methodology underpinning the AWA sample construction, can the department or the OEA advise whether the Minister, his office his or the PLOs have had any involvement in this process? a) if so, what has been their involvement? b) are they given regular updates on the progress of this work? c) did the Minister/his office/his staff contact the department or the OEA following the evidence heard during the estimates hearing of 15/2/07 regarding the status of AWA analysis and the work on AWA sample methodology? d) has the Minister/his office/his staff sought further information or changed his view with regards to this methodology or analysis following the estimates hearing? e) did any other Minister or Prime Minister or their offices or their staff or any other department contact DEWR or the OEA for clarification regarding the status of AWA analysis or the sample methodology?

Answer:

- a) No, neither the Minister, his office nor the PLOs had any involvement in the process.
- b) No.
- c) No
- d) No, the Minister has not sought further information.
- e) No.

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