

**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 2.2.1:** Industry and Australian government employment advice

**Question Number:** W1233-07

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing:

When did DEWR first become aware of concerns about redundancy entitlements at Tristar's Marrickville factory? Were these concerns communicated to the OWS? If not, why not? If so, when did this happen?

**Answer:**

DEWR first became aware of concerns about redundancy entitlements pursuant to a certified agreement at Tristar's Marrickville factory in August 2006. At that time these entitlements were continuing because the certified agreement which provided for them had not expired. The certified agreement expired on 30 September 2006 and was terminated by the AIRC on 22 January 2007 but the AIRC ordered that the redundancy entitlements would continue until 6 February 2008. DEWR cannot answer as to how the OWS became involved, but noted that it commenced investigating matters at Tristar on or about 23 January 2007.

**Estimated cost:** Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 3 hours and 50 minutes at an estimated cost of \$73.50 to prepare this answer.