

**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: W1236-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Employment Relations Backbench committee The following was reported in Workforce Daily on 20 March 2006 "The Howard Government will look at everything in toto and later on in the year try to pull everything together to make the necessary technical amendments, he said. The Government's Employment Relations backbench committee meets every week and would be taking suggestions on board, he said. The Coalition's WR Taskforce, headed by Andrew Robb, would also meet, and there would be Senate Committee inquiries, Barnett said". Please table the terms of reference for the Employment Relations backbench committee. b) who are the members? c) how many meetings has each member attended? d) what were the times of these meetings? e) what were the costs involved in running these meetings and having members attend? (eg travel, accommodation, catering, venue hire) f) please table the agendas and minutes since the formation of the committee g) what is the committee meant to achieve) h) what suggestions have been received so far?

Answer:

The Employment Relations Backbench Committee is a Government parliamentary committee. The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations is not involved in the Committee's deliberations.

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