

**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

Question Number: W1241-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Employer Advisor Programme According to the information in W643-07 numerous seminars conducted only had one or two participants, including Sydney, Townsville, Adelaide, Maitland, Tweed Heads, Newcastle and Perth. Does DEWR consider the conducting of a seminar for a sole participant to be an unreasonable allocation of resources? If not, why not? how big were the venues that held these venues? What was the cost of running each of these sole participant seminars? Why were so few people interested in attending these seminars? Were any of the seminars conducted by video conferencing? If not, why not? Was this considered an option by DEWR or the contracted organisations?

Answer:

The Department actively monitors attendance at seminars through ongoing provider weekly reporting. On occasion, the number registering for seminars was greater than the subsequent number of attendees but this would not have been apparent until the running of the seminar.

Tele-seminars and webinars have been conducted by a number of providers.

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.