

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING – 2 and 3 JUNE 2003

OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.2: Workplace Relations Implementation

Outputs 2.2.3: Assistance to the Employment Advocate

Question Number: W013-04

Question:

Senator Kim Carr asked at *Hansard* page 5:

- (a) What are the number of employees in the retail sector?
- (b) What are the number of AWAs and the growth of AWAs filed in the retail industry

Answer:

The number of employees in the retail trade in the May Quarter 2003 was 1,315,600 (ABS Cat. No 6203.0).

The number of filed AWAs between July 1 2002 and May 31 2003 in retail was 20,756.

Compared to the period 1 July 2001 to 31 May 2002, in the period 1 July 2002 to 31 May 2003 there has been an increase of 126 per cent in the number of AWAs filed in retail.