

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

2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARINGS – 2-3 JUNE 2003

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

COMCARE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome: Comcare

Question Number: W049-04

Question:

Senator Carr asked in writing:

Provide the Gallery's interim comments and communications, including notes to file from telephone conversations, minutes of meetings and final responses to all OHS and building investigations carried out by Comcare since January 2000.

Answer:

Unable to disclose the requested material as it would be contrary to the public interest. This decision is made on the following grounds:

- the requested material comprises internal working documents and those documents do not represent the position arrived at in the final report of the investigations referred to;
- disclosure of tentative findings or criticisms could unfairly prejudice the position of individuals and could lead to confusion or ill informed speculation and unnecessary debate in the public arena as to why matters were not included in the final report; and
- disclosure of the requested material could adversely affect Comcare's future ability to carry out investigations under the *Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Act 1991* in an effective way.