

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

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

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome: 2 Higher productivity, higher pay workplace
Output Group: 2.1 Workplace relations policy and analysis
Outputs: 2.1.1 Policy advice and legislation development

Question Number: W090-04

Question:

Senator Sherry asked at *Hansard* page 91:

- (a) Please advise where the Commonwealth intervention by the Minister has been sought or supported by the trade union involved?
- (b) Has the Minister had the support of the employers when he has intervened in the cases?

Answer:

When the Minister intervenes in a matter in the public interest the Minister makes his own submissions that reflect the wider policy concerns of the Government. The Minister's submissions therefore may or may not support either wholly or in part the submissions of unions or employers.