

**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: 1 An effectively functioning labour market

Output Group: 1.2 Labour market programme management and delivery

Outputs: 1.2.1 Information, referral and support services

Question Number: W108-04

Question:

Senator Campbell asked in writing:

DEWR is currently re-developing their IT system for the Job Network contract round 3. The IT development areas are doing massive hours of overtime.

- (a) What is the longest number of consecutive days that an IT development employee has worked in the last six months?
- (b) Is it true that this is all unpaid overtime?
- (c) Are staff being directed to work overtime at nights and on weekend?

Answer:

- (a) 34 days, including part days and full days, of which there was one stint of 12 consecutive full days.
- (b) No.
- (c) No. Some contractors provide support after hours in accordance with a roster that is created within their respective work areas. This requirement was foreshadowed and clearly stated within their contract for employment. Some APS employees have been asked to work voluntary overtime on essential tasks, predominantly in the lead up to a release.