

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

**2004-2005 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
31 MAY AND 1 JUNE 2004**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome:** Comcare

**Output:** Agencies

**Question Number:** W093-05

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 60:

Australia Post has not advised Comcare of the possibility of importing overseas labour?

**Answer:**

On 22 June 2004 (after the Senate Estimates hearing and following a query from Comcare) Australia Post advised Comcare of the following in relation to overseas labour.

At the major mail processing facilities in each state, new technology has recently been introduced to automate the processing of large letters. The technology was imported from Germany and is being supported by the German supplier during the initial implementation phase. This means that there are technical and engineering specialists from the German supplier in Australia Post facilities working on these machines as required.

These specialists do not perform day to day maintenance or any sorting or operational functions. They may be required to assist with maintenance and operational coaching of Australia Post staff.