

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
30, 31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace**

**Output Group: 2.1 Workplace relations policy and analysis**

**Output: 2.1.2 Workplace relations legislation development**

**Question Number: W327-06**

**Question:**

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

- a) How many cases has the Minister intervened in for 2004/05 to date?
- b) What was the nature of the Commonwealth's intervention in each case?
- c) What was the cost of each intervention?
- d) What was the total cost of running these interventions?

**Answer:**

- a) The Minister intervened in 15 matters in 2004/05 as at Friday 3 June 2005. Invoices were paid in 2004/05 for a further 9 matters commenced before 2004/05.
- b) In each case the Minister, on behalf of the Commonwealth, intervened in the public interest to make submissions on the correct interpretation of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* or to make submissions in support of Government policy.
- c) Please see Attachment A and Attachment B.
- d) The total GST exclusive cost of all intervention-related invoices paid between 1 July 2004 to 3 June 2005 was \$508 091.96

**Attachment A**

**GST EXCLUSIVE COST OF EACH INTERVENTION TO 3 JUNE 2005  
COMMENCED BY MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE  
RELATIONS IN 2004/05**

<b>Matter</b>	<b>GST Exclusive Cost to 3 June 2005</b>
Victorian jury service entitlements case	In house
Merkon Construction Pty Ltd Agreement	\$860.00
ANF and HSUA and Alcheringa Hostel Incorporated	\$12 140.00
Safety Net Review 2005	\$43 601.44
Schefenacker Vision Systems Australia Pty Ltd, AWU, AMWU Certified Agreement 2004	\$48 964.17
La Trobe University Children's Centre Enterprise Bargaining Agreement 2004	Heard with Schefenacker
Rural City of Murray Bridge Nursing Employees, ANF (Aged Care) - Enterprise Agreement 2004	Heard with Schefenacker
Tenix Solutions Pty Ltd and ASU	\$33 025.78
ALHMWU Supported Employment (Business Enterprises) Award	In house
Re Business Development Agreement (Australian air Express/TWU)	\$31 843.25
Wesfarmers Premier Coal Pty Ltd v AMWU	\$94 033.75
Western Australia Redundancy Case 2004	In house
CFMEU v Newcrest Mining Ltd	\$44 239.00
CFMEUW v BHP Billiton Iron Ore Pty Ltd & Integrated Group Ltd	\$29 957.25
Building and Construction Industry Award - QLD	No invoice as at 3 June 2005
<b>Total GST Exclusive cost</b>	<b>\$338 664.64</b>

**Attachment B**

**INTERVENTIONS COMMENCED BY MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT  
AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS BEFORE 2004/05**

<b>Matter</b>	<b>Invoices paid 1 July 2004 to 3 June 2005</b>
ANZ Banking Group Ltd and Financial Sector Union	\$16 709.77
BCG Contracting Pty Ltd v CFMEU	\$28 783.70
Belandra v Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union	\$128.00
AMWU and CEPU v The Age Company Ltd	\$9 616.37
Amcor v CFMEU	\$62 382.80
Electrolux Home Products Pty Ltd v AWU and Ors	\$700.33
Family Provisions Test Case	In House
Gribbles Radiology Pty Ltd v HSUA and Anor	\$3 218.35
NSW Secure Employment Test Case	\$2 637.60
Queensland Termination, Change and Redundancy Test Case	In House
Victorian Common Rule Applications	\$45 250.40
<b>Total GST Exclusive cost</b>	<b>\$169 427.32</b>