

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

**2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
29TH AND 30TH MAY 2006
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

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Question Number: W069-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Does DEWR's own research, and/or its understanding of the research of others, suggest that high EMTRs constitute a disincentive for people on welfare benefits to accept paid employment?

Answer:

In accordance with standard practice, the Department does not provide opinions on matters of policy which may involve an assessment of the merits of Government policies.