

**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 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.2: Employment services

Question Number: W021-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 66: Has the SWS rate of assessment been reviewed at any point in the last 10 years?

Answer:

KPMG were commissioned to conduct an evaluation of the Supported Wage System (SWS) in 2002. The report is available on the FaCSIA website www.facsia.gov.au/disability/OOD/SWS/index.htm. One of the Terms of Reference was to “determine the efficiency of the SWS in facilitating client outcomes in relation to the actual costs of assessment, on the job support and programme administration; and in the consistency of programme operation and administration”. The evaluation report did not make any recommendations regarding the rate of assessment.