

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

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation**

**Output Group 3.1: Working age policy**

**Output 3.1.1: Working age policy and legislation**

**Question Number: W071-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing:

In its contribution to “whole-of-Government” formulation of taxation and welfare policies: a) Does DEWR, as a matter of course, calculate and comment on the implications of various policy options for effective marginal tax rates faced by low-income Australians, especially people moving from welfare to work? b) Did DEWR do so in the course of inter-agency discussion of policies announced in the 2006-07 Federal Budget?

**Answer:**

- (a) DEWR examines the implications of Government policies for people falling within its portfolio responsibilities including, where appropriate, the impact of EMTRs.
- (b) It is not open for DEWR to disclose deliberations which contribute to a decision of Cabinet.