

**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: W074-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

On the Centrelink registry for Financial Case Management, the document initially stated that a client could have expenses paid that were a result of 'other unavoidable or reasonable costs'. When was this clause removed, and why?

Answer:

It was not removed. 'Other unavoidable or reasonable costs' is still part of current policy when deciding what an essential expense is.

While these words are not specifically mentioned on the Centrelink website, they are contained in the guidelines for NGO contracts and other Financial Case Management policy documents.