

**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 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: W092-07

Question:

Senator Campbell asked at *Hansard* page 83:

Can the department provide a breakdown, by State, of the legal costs associated with the State and Territory wage cases.

Answer:

The department is unable to provide a breakdown of legal costs according to particular State wage cases. One law firm, Blake Dawson Waldron, was engaged to represent the Minister in all State wage cases and it invoices for its combined work across all of the cases.