

**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 2.1.1: Workplace relations policy advice

Question Number: W093-07

Question:

Senator Campbell asked at *Hansard* page 86:

Can the Department advise how many independent contractors there are in the labour force?

Answer:

Estimates of the number of independent contractors in the Australian workforce range from approximately 800 000 (as estimated by the Productivity Commission) up to 1.9 million (as estimated by the Independent Contractors of Australia).