

**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 2.2: Workplace Relations Implementation

Output 2.2.1: Industry and Australian Government Employment Advice

Question Number: W114-07

Question:

Senator Campbell asked in writing:

What was the briefing and instructions given to Freehills when pursuing the Eagles Engineering case?

Answer:

This question pertains to the investigation of a matter in which the allegations the subject of the investigation were not tested in court. Answering this question would require the disclosure of details of allegations which individuals who were the subject of the investigation are unable to defend in court, and would also require the disclosure of the methods or practices of the investigation in this matter, which would be likely to prejudice the conduct of future investigations. Additionally, the question requires the disclosure of communications which are subject to legal professional privilege. Having regard to these matters, the department is not in a position to answer this question.