

**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

OFFICE OF WORKPLACE SERVICES

Question Number: W232-07

Question:

Senator Campbell asked in writing:

To what extent is Workplace Services or the OEA involved in monitoring the minimum wage and conditions of imported labourers?

Answer:

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (DIMA) has responsibility for monitoring compliance with sponsorship obligations under the Skilled Migration Program. Where it becomes aware of possible breaches of federal industrial instruments, the matters are referred to the Office of Workplace Services (OWS) for investigation.

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs runs a skilled migration programme. The occupation of labourer is not skilled for migration purposes.