

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

28 and 29 MAY 2007

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: **Efficient and effective labour market assistance**

Output Group 1.2: **Labour market programme management and delivery**

Output 1.2.2: **Employment Services**

Question Number: **W172-08**

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 112:

In relation to events reported in the Weekend Australian - Did the department contact the Minister about the reporting issue raised and if so when?

Answer:

The department can confirm the evidence provided at page 112 of Hansard that before the newspaper article appeared, the department had alerted the Minister's office to Centrelink's reporting practices, and that the department had advised Centrelink that this was not the policy.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 2 hours at an estimated cost of \$54.20.