

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

**2007-2008 BUDGET SENATE 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: W184-08

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* pages 120 and 122: Workplace Modification Scheme. Is the department able to provide data back to 2004 in relation to the Workplace Modification Scheme and its use by particular employers in different sectors, particularly how much for the Commonwealth and how much for the private sector? If the department is unable to provide information back to this time, could it provide over a financial year period and the current financial year to date?

Answer:

Information collected from Workplace Modifications Scheme applications is coded by industry. Applications from private sector employers within industry codes are not readily ascertainable, and to provide the requested answer would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

As noted in the Hansard transcript at pages 122–123, there were 751 applications for Workplace Modifications in the financial year 2006–07 to the end of March. Approximately 50 of these applications were self-identified as employers in the government administration and defence sector.

Similar information for other financial years is not readily ascertainable, and to provide the requested answer would require an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 0.5 hours at an estimated cost of \$10.00.