

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

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DEEWR Question No. EW302_09

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Homeworkers Code of Practice

Did the Department and /or the Minister consider whether the Workplace Ombudsman might be better placed to investigate claims of outworkers being exploited?

Answer

As advised at the Committee Hearing on 2 June 2008 (refer page 104 of the Hansard), the self regulatory Homeworkers Code of Practice supplements rather than replaces the statutory compliance role performed by the Workplace Ombudsman.