

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

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

**Outcome**            9

**DEEWR Question No. EW307\_09**

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

**Question**

*Homeworkers Code of Practice*

The Minister's press release states that there are 330 000 Homeworkers in the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry. How have these numbers been calculated? Has the Department conducted their own analysis of the number of outworkers in the sector?

**Answer**

This estimate of the number of homeworkers was reported in *The Hidden Cost of Fashion: Report on the National Outwork information Campaign*, produced in March 1995 by the Textile Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia. The figure was calculated from the results of a multilingual Outwork phone-in which was conducted over a two month period.

While the Department has not conducted its own analysis of the number of homeworkers in the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry, it has examined a range of material which estimates the number of homeworkers.