

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 9

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Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Homeworkers Code of Practice

In 2006 the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations wrote to the TCFUA to raise concerns about attempts by the TCFUA to extract cash settlements from employers in the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Industry where they had allegedly breached the Clothing Award - is the Department familiar with this letter?

Answer

As advised during the Committee hearing on 2 June 2008 (refer Hansard page 31), the area of the Department responsible for these functions was transferred in March 2006 to the Workplace Ombudsman. Questions on this matter should be directed to the Workplace Ombudsman.