

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome 9

DEEWR Question No. EW345_09

Senator Abetz provided in writing.

Question

Homeworkers Code of Practice

What measure will the Department be taking to ensure the government funding is not utilised by the TCFUA under the guise of the Homeworkers Committee to unnecessarily harass and publicly vilify employers who refuse to join up their members to the TCFUA or who cannot afford or do not want to sign up to the voluntary code?

Answer

The funding agreement includes several provisions to address any such situation. For instance:

- Clause 21.1 (a) and (f) of the Funding Agreement provides authority for the Department to terminate the Term of the Agreement in the event of a breach of the Homeworkers Code of Practice Committee's obligations under the Funding Agreement or a breach of any law of the Commonwealth, or of a State or Territory;
- Clause 22.2 provides that the Homeworkers Code of Practice Committee is fully responsible for the performance of its obligations under the Funding Agreement even though it may subcontract some or all obligations; and
- Clause 25.1 provides that the Homeworkers Code of Practice Committee must in carrying out their obligations under the Funding Agreement comply with the provisions of all relevant statutes, regulations, by-laws and requirements of any Commonwealth, State, Territory or Local authority, including those listed in the Schedule.