

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Watson asked on 2 June 2008, EEWWR Hansard page 30.

Question

Homeworkers Code of Practice

Ms Gillard's press release refers to 330,000 home workers in the textile, clothing and footwear industry. How did we get to that figure? Can you confirm where we got that figure from?

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.