

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Watson asked on 2 June 2008, DEWR Hansard page 31.

Question

Homeworkers Code of Practice

How does the Homeworkers Voluntary Code compare or differ from the New South Wales Mandatory Code?

Answer

The broad objectives of both the Homeworkers Code of Practice (HWCP) and the New South Wales Ethical Clothing Trades Extended Responsibility Scheme (the NSW Scheme) are to ensure that Homeworkers in the textile, clothing and footwear industry receive their legal entitlements under the relevant industrial instruments. The most significant difference is that the HWCP is voluntary and the NSW Scheme is mandatory under State legislation and penalties may be imposed for breaches of the NSW Scheme.

Accredited manufacturers and signatories to the Homeworkers Code of Practice are exempt from the obligations of the NSW Scheme.