

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

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Senator Abetz asked on 2 June 2008, EEWR Hansard page 106.

Question

Homeworkers Code of Practice

With 32 manufacturers signed up, have we covered 10 per cent of them – or is it 90 per cent? Has any information been obtained in relation to that, or is there any advice the department can give this committee as to how far we are down the track with this?

Answer

The Homeworke Code Committee Incorporated (the Committee) advises that the 32 manufacturers accredited under the Homeworkers Code of Practice represent a further 350 suppliers (factories, contractors and homeworkers) in their supply chains.

The Committee further advises that they estimate that there are approximately 2 000 textile, clothing and footwear manufacturers in Australia of which around 1 800 employ staff.