

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Fisher asked on 2 June 2008, EEWHR Hansard page 107.

Question

Forward With Fairness

In the Government's Forward with Fairness policy implementation plan, on page 8, the Government committed to releasing an exposure draft of the industrial relations legislation for public comment in 2008-09. Mr Pratt indicated earlier that drafting preparations were on track for having it introduced before the end of this year. What is the date for the release of an exposure draft of the legislation for public comment, consistent with the Government's election commitment?

Answer

As indicated by Mr Finn Pratt, Associate Secretary, Workplace Relations, at the estimates hearing (refer EEWHR Hansard page 107), the timing of the release of an exposure draft for the Forward with Fairness legislation is a matter for Government.