

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

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

Outcome **WORKPLACE AUTHORITY**

Question No. **EW627_09**

Senator Abetz asked on 3 June 2008, EEWL Hansard page 52:

Question

Workplace Authority

What I am talking about is those that used snail mail to lodge and, in good faith, lodged it within good time but it got delivered somewhere else and, for whatever reason, did not come to your office by 11 April. What would have happened to those particular AWAs and do you have a list of them?

Answer

The Workplace Authority has provided the following response:

The Workplace Relations Act (1996) Division 5, Section 342 and 344, states that employers must lodge agreements within 14 days of the agreement being made and that the agreement has been lodged when the Workplace Authority Director has received the agreement.

All AWAs received in the mail after 11 April 2008 have been returned to the employer and employee with an explanation that they had been lodged outside the required time frames.