SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2004-2005 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 31 MAY AND 1 JUNE 2004

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.1: Workplace Relations Policy

Outputs 2.1.1: Workplace Relations Policy and Analysis

Question Number: W148-05

Question:

Senator Harradine asked in writing:

(1) How is the Department promoting or working towards employment conditions or employment services that best serve the interests of pregnant or parenting women? Please provide details.

Answer:

(1) The Department has produced a publication titled "Working your way through Pregnancy" which deals with many of the issues surrounding pregnancy and work. This publication is also available on the Workplace portal at www.workplace.gov.au.

The Department has also developed a Family Friendly Agreements Clause Database that provides examples of family friendly employment conditions in federal certified agreements. The Department has produced a brochure promoting the Database and a brochure promoting family friendly agreement making generally.

The Department is also a major partner in the ACCI/BCA National Work and Family Awards. The Awards are an Australian Government and business partnership which recognise and promote excellence in work and family initiatives.