

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE

Question Number: W541-06

Question:

Senator Marshall asked at *Hansard* at page 43:

Could the OEA provide the survey sample size used for the OEA's employer survey in 2000?

Answer:

In total there were 688 useable responses out of 2,000 questionnaires¹. This provided a response rate just over 34 per cent².

¹ These 2,000 questionnaires were sent out on 16-5-2000. All responses were coded up until 22-6-2000. A further 213 employers with AWAs did not receive questionnaires due to administration irregularities and insufficient contact data.

² This response rate compares favourably with other recent workplace and organisational based mail-out surveys (Wooden, 1999; Brosnan & Walsh, 1998; Wooden & VandenHeuvel, 1996).