

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

**2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2 and 3 NOVEMBER 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE EMPLOYMENT ADVOCATE

Question Number: W557-06

Question:

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

According to the OEA Website, the OEA requires [Industry] Partners to provide the following services to employers and employees: assist and advise employers/employees on how best to draft, negotiate and lodge AWAs. Can the OEA please detail how many employees or employers its industry partners have advised not to engage in AWAs?

Answer:

OEA Partners assist and advise employers/employees on how best to draft, negotiate and lodge AWAs. Partners must meet the OEA's Service Standard Charter. For reasons of client confidentiality the OEA does not require OEA Partners to disclose the nature or the detail of advice provided by Partners. As a consequence, the OEA is not in a position to detail how many employees or employers its Industry Partners have advised not in engage in AWAs.