

**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: W561-06

Question:

Senator Siewert asked in writing:

Noting that the OEA annual report on page 1 under 'Growth and Consolidation' reports that "...almost 60 per cent of small business employers in the survey said that the individual agreements had improved the productivity of their workplaces":

- (a) Did they provide documented support for these claims?
- (b) Do you have copies available?

Answer:

- (a) No, small business respondents rated, on a five point 'strongly agree' to 'strongly disagree' scale, whether, in their assessment, the introduction of AWAs into their workplace had improved the productivity of their business. Documented evidence to support these views was not sought.
- (b) Not Applicable.