

**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

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.1: Workplace relations policy and analysis

Output 2.1.1: Workplace relations policy advice

Question Number: W609-06

Question:

Senator Marshall asked in writing

Will the Fair Pay Commission be able to vary rates of pay for those who were covered by State awards, but who under the new system will be covered for the first three years by a 'transitional agreement'?

Answer:

Yes, the Australian Fair Pay Commission will be able to vary rates of pay for those who were covered by State awards, but in the new system will be covered for the first three years by a 'transitional agreement'. Refer to section 90ZD(2) page 91 and section 90B page 72 of the *Workplace Relations Amendment (WorkChoices) Bill 2005*.