

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
31 OCTOBER – 3 NOVEMBER 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.1: Industry and Australian Government Employment advice

Question Number: W628-06

Question:

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

In question W291-06 your department has indicated that 23 consultations have taken place with members of the higher education sector regarding the HEWRRs changes. However, only one of these consultations has been with employees or their representatives (National Tertiary Education Union) while the remaining 22 have been with universities or their representatives. Does the Department consider consultation to be adequate to receive representations from workers within the higher education sector?

Answer:

As noted in W291-06, widespread consultation was conducted with higher education sector stakeholders by DEWR, DEST, Minister Andrews and Minister Nelson. The answer to W291-06 refers only to consultation attended by DEWR and/or Minister Andrews.