SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.2: Industry and Australian government employment advice

Question Number: W636-06

Question:

Senator Marshall asked in writing:- The department has recently advised the parties to certain enterprise agreements in Victoria that such agreements do not comply with the revised Code of Practice for the Construction Industry/Guidelines because of alleged restrictions on the use of casual labour contained in those agreements. Is the DEWR aware that the main award for the construction industry, the National Building and Construction Industry Award has provisions on casual labour [recently approved by the AIRC] that on the DEWR's reasoning also conflict with the Code/Guidelines?

Answer:

Yes.