

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

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.2: Labour market strategies

Output 3.2.1: Labour Market Analysis

Question Number: W1033-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Amex request to use Japanese workers in a Sydney call centre – DEWR's Role Generally

Why would there be negotiations between DEWR and DIMA about the salary rate, and approval sought from the NSW government as the government has gazetted minimum salary levels for foreign workers in metropolitan and regional positions?

Answer:

Where an employer is seeking to negotiate a Labour Agreement, DEWR or DIMA may consult independent and authoritative bodies (including State and Territory Governments), on local salary levels to ensure it is appropriate to apply the regional MSL.