

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

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2ND NOVEMBER 2006**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

OFFICE OF WORKPLACE SERVICES

**Outcome 1 : The rights and obligations of workers and employers under the
Workplace Relations Act 1996 are understood and enforced fairly**

Output Group 1.1 : Education and Compliance Services

Question Number: W375-07

Question:

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

How many of these complaints resulted in prosecutions against employers by the Department? Please provide a breakdown of these prosecutions by employee gender, employee age, occupation, industry size of business, located (by state) and employment status (full-time, part-time, casual or independent contractor). Of these prosecutions, how many involved unpaid monies of (a) less than \$1000 (b) between \$1000 and \$5000 (c) between \$5000 and \$10000 (d) over \$10000.

Answer:

Of the 21 prosecutions commenced by OWS at 1 November 2006, 15 involved underpayment of wages and entitlements for 267 employees of amounts totalling \$289,689.03 and involved 66 breaches. Of these prosecutions 4 were in the Australian Capital Territory, 9 were in Victoria and there is 1 each for New South Wales and Tasmania.

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