

**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

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: W383-07

Question:

Senator Ludwig asked in writing:

Is there anything prohibiting 457 visa holders from being paid in foreign currency?

Answer:

The Minimum Federal Wage (set by the Australian Fair Pay Commission) and pay rates in Federal industrial instruments and are expressed in Australian currency. The *Workplace Relations Act 1996* does not preclude employees from being remunerated under these instruments in foreign currency. The Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs also advises that migration laws also do not currently restrict 457 visa holders from being paid in foreign currency.

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