

**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: W392-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

How many times has the federal Minister given requests or directions regarding investigations since the implementation of WorkChoices? What investigations did this involve? How many of these requests were for an initiation of an investigations ‘- and how many were for a continuation or cessation of an investigation?

Answer:

The OWS takes referrals from all manner of avenues. Members of both State and Federal Parliaments, the media, employees, employers, unions, and employer groups, etc.

The OWS makes its own decisions regarding the matters it investigates.

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