

**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: W412-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Email exchange on Shane Penning - OWS Information provided to Prime Minister
about contact with Smith office

Did the OWS advise the Prime Minister of this exchange? If yes, Isn't it the case that
the Prime Minister's statement to Parliament that *I am advised that the Office of
Workplace Services contacted the member for Perth's office and they have refused to
cooperate or provide any additional information on Mr Denning*. Was misleading? If
no, Why not?

Answer:

The OWS has not provided information to the Prime Minister's office and notes that
the Member for Perth made a statement to the House on 13 September 2006.

Estimated Cost: To prepare this answer has taken approximately 1.7 hours at a cost of \$33.00