

**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: W425-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

There have been reports that employers in the meat industry have used 457 visa holders to push down wages through their industrial instruments. (a) Have you found such cases? (b) What powers does OWS have to deal with abuse?

Answer:

(a) No.

(b) Refer to W424-07.

Estimated Cost: To prepare this answer has taken approximately 2.55 hours at a cost of \$47.25