

**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

AUSTRALIAN FAIR PAY COMMISSION SECRETARIAT

Outcome 1: Set federal minimum and classification wages to promote the economic prosperity of the people of Australia

Question Number: W461-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Fair Pay Commission - Dates of Decision How do you expect interested parties to prepare a considered and evidence based follow up submission in such a short period of time? **(a)** Does the Commission have a view on whether commencing the research and consultation period so soon after the current determination commences in December will lessen expectations for the amount of any minimum wage increase in mid-2007? **(b)** Won't having only 6 months between determinations create an expectation, likely to be picked up by research, that any determination in 2007 should be smaller than last week's increase?

Answer:

The requested information was provided at Senate Estimates Hearing on 2 November 2006. The response is noted on Page 124 of the hearing transcript.