

**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: W466-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Fair Pay Commission - Consultation Were any scheduled consultation sessions cancelled? If so, why? How was the community or participants advised of this?

Answer:

Eighteen general consultations were scheduled. Following feedback from participants and to reach a broader cross section of the Australian community several of these sessions were refocused into targeted consultations. This resulted in an additional four scheduled consultation sessions.

Originally there were two sessions scheduled for Albany, one lunchtime and one evening session. Only one session was required and people who had registered were contacted and invited to the other session. Remaining advertising copy was altered to remove reference to the lunchtime session. Arrangements were made for someone to be at the venue in the event that anyone did turn up and signage was erected to advise of the new arrangements. If people were unable to attend the evening session they were given information on how to make a submission to the Commission.