

**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

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN IN THE WORKPLACE AGENCY

Outcome 1: Equality of Opportunity in employment for Women

Output Group: Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency

Output: Encouragement of Australian employers to improve equal opportunity outcomes for women in the workplace

Question Number: W525-07

Question:

Senator Wong tabled supplementary budget estimates questions on notice asking: Has the Department of Workplace Relations and Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency been notified by the Government that amendments, will be moved to the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act 1999 (Commonwealth) Act and/or supplied a timeframe for these changes.

Answer:

The Government's response to the Banks Taskforce report, *Rethinking Regulation: Report to the Taskforce on Reducing Regulatory Burdens on Business*, referring to recommendation 4.43, announced that legislative amendments would be required.

The Government is yet to advise legislative status and timetable.