

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION  
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2006**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces**

**Output Group 2.1: Workplace relations policy and analysis**

**Output: 2.1.1 Workplace relations policy advice**

**Question Number: W590-07**

**Question:**

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

Research

Given media coverage such as the Australian Financial Review Article 'Thumbs Down for IR moves' (23 September 2006), has DEWR had any consultations after this article was published with either the ACCI or the ACTU regarding industrial relations legislation? If so, what were the outcomes of this?

**Answer:**

DEWR consults with a range of organisations, including ACCI and the ACTU, on a range of issues, including industrial relations legislation. These consultations are undertaken as a normal part of DEWR's responsibilities in providing policy advice to the Government.

**Estimated cost:** Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 2 hours at an estimated cost of \$40 to prepare this answer.