

**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

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: W614-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

The Award Review Taskforce report is titled 'Award Review Taskforce final Report on Rationalisation of Wage and Classification Structures.'

Is DEWR considering the ART's recommendation that the Government consider a second stage of wage and classification rationalisation after July 2006, which would involve the development of a new structure and the assimilation of the existing scales into this revised structure? If so, has this been approved? Have any costings been completed in relation to the extension of time and additional work?

Answer:

The rationalisation of wage and classification structures is a matter for the Australian Fair Pay Commission.

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