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 2.2: Workplace Relations implementation

Output 2.2.1: Industry and Australian Government employment advice

Question Number: W631-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: <u>Federal Magistrates Services (FMS) Collective</u> <u>Agreement Negotiation</u> Is the situation in the FMC an example of the limited range of choice provided under the new IR Laws? Take the AWA or have no new agreement!

Answer:

This question calls for an opinion. Such a response from DEWR would not be appropriate.

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