

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

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
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**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

**Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation**

**Output 2.2.3: Workplace relations services**

**Question Number: W647-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing: Work Choices Implementation Agencies – Workplace Advisory Service If not, what other functions does the WAS have – either alone, with the OEA or other Agencies?

**Answer:**

The Workplace Advisory Service performs a range of functions including:

- attending and/or organising speaking engagements, expositions and events;
- visiting employer, employee, industry and community groups to provide education and advice on workplace relations;
- proactively monitoring the environment to identify and address gaps in workplace relations education activities;
- contributing to WorkChoices product development; and
- assisting in the evaluation of contractors providing services under the Employer Advisor Programme, the National Advisor Network Programme and the Working Women's Centres.

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