

**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 2.2: Workplace relations implementation**

**Output 2.2.3: Workplace relations services**

**Question Number: W681-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing: Has DEWR examined the legal advice provided when it is funded by the scheme? If not, how does DEWR know the advice relates to the merits of an applicant's unlawful termination claim?

**Answer:**

The Department does not examine the legal advice provided to applicants under the Unlawful Termination Assistance Scheme. Legal practitioners are required to sign an undertaking to abide by the Terms and Conditions of the Scheme, which restrict provision of advice to the merits of the applicant's unlawful termination claim. Both the applicant and their legal practitioner sign a *Declaration of Services Provided*, confirming that the advice was provided in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the Scheme.

**Estimated cost:** Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 3 hours at an estimated cost of \$60 to prepare this answer.