

**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 workplace**

**Output Group 2.2: Workplace Relations Implementation**

**Output 2.2.3: Workplace Relations Services**

**Question Number: W695-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Work Choices Implementation Agencies - Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme.

How does the provision of \$1500 assistance and up to \$500 in travel assistance work when both parties to the dispute apply for the assistance? (a) What is the method in deciding who is granted the assistance as it can only be given to one party to the dispute?

**Answer:**

Only one party to the dispute is required to apply. The assistance is paid directly to the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) provider.

(a) Because the assistance is paid directly to the ADR provider, the total cost of the dispute is reduced by the amount paid. The parties to the dispute are responsible for payment to the ADR provider of any remaining amount.

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