

**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 2.2.3: Workplace Relations Services

Question Number: W701-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Work Choices Implementation Agencies - Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme.

Is the \$1500 assistance enough to resolve the dispute, or will the party who applies for the dispute resolution incur other costs?

Answer:

The cost of resolving a dispute is dependent on the size and nature of dispute, the type of alternative dispute resolution used and the fees charged by different alternative dispute resolution providers. Costs in excess of the assistance available under the Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme are the responsibility of the parties to the dispute.

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