

**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: W702-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Work Choices Implementation Agencies - Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme.

Why is \$10.4 million being allocated to a group of businesses that will have varying degrees of knowledge and effectiveness in resolving disputes that will not even be binding?

**Answer:**

Private alternative dispute resolution (ADR) funding is provided to encourage choice for parties regarding who conducts their ADR service.

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