

**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: W704-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Work Choices Implementation Agencies - Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme.

Why is financial assistance only restricted to certain disputes?

Answer:

The objective of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme is to ensure that the provision of financial assistance is consistent with encouraging alternative dispute resolution (ADR) for disputes where both parties *agree* to use the services of a private ADR provider. Funding is not provided for the type of disputes where ADR services could be invoked unilaterally.

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