

**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 workplaces**

**Output Group 2.2: Workplace Relations Implementation**

**Output 2.2.3: Workplace Relations Services**

**Question Number: W708-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Work Choices Implementation Agencies - Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme.

Why can't a person apply for financial assistance for unfair dismissal and have the matter resolved informally through ADR procedure rather than take the matter to the courts? Why is this excluded?

**Answer:**

Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme funding is not provided for the type of disputes where alternative dispute resolution services could be invoked unilaterally, including by a dismissed employee.

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