

**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: W711-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Work Choices Implementation Agencies - Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme.

Can a multi-million dollar company such as Telstra apply for assistance from ADRAS?

Answer:

Yes. Under the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*, employers and employees have a choice between referring certain disputes to a private alternative dispute resolution provider or the Australian Industrial Relations Commission for assistance. The intent of ADRAS is to facilitate genuine choice in dispute resolution.

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