

**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: W715-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Work Choices Implementation Agencies - Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme.

How does a party find out about this scheme?

Answer:

Since the Scheme's announcement, information and application forms for the Alternative Dispute Resolution Assistance Scheme (ADRAS) have been electronically available on the WorkChoices website and through the WorkChoices Infoline Contact Centres. This information is also available on the Australian Workplace website. ADRAS has been promoted through WorkChoices programmes, such as the Employer Advisor Programme and the National Adviser Network Programme.

The *Workplace Relations Regulations 2006* require the Australian Industrial Registrar (AIR) to provide disputing parties who cannot agree on an alternative dispute resolution provider with prescribed information and this information has been provided to the AIR for distribution. Professional organisations also hold a range of promotional material relating to ADRAS to distribute to interested parties.

Estimated cost: Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 3 hours at an estimated cost of \$60 to prepare this answer.