

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2ND 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: W725-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Work Choices Implementation Agencies - Protection Action Ballots Scheme.

How was the level of appropriation determined?

Answer:

The current appropriation of \$1.6 million per annum is the same as that set aside in previous years in which the Government had proposed similarly amending the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* to require protected industrial action to be authorised by a secret ballot of relevant employees.

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