

**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: W742-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: Won't this prevent employees from receiving a higher payment than may be achieved by liquidating the company? For example when a Deed of Company Arrangement allows this?

Answer:

Employees, as creditors of a company, may vote to place a company into liquidation or other arrangements, such as a Deed of Company Arrangement. The recent changes to GEERS do not prevent this from occurring.

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