

**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: W753-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: The government's submission to that case also stated the claim for increased severance pay is unaffordable, unnecessary and should be rejected by the Commission. What is the basis of the change to DEWR's thinking in relation to the appropriateness and affordability of an increased redundancy standard payable under GEERS, given the Department's previous and absolute rejection of any increase?

Answer:

That was a matter of Government policy.

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