

**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: W754-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: How many applications have been received under the GEERS program since the commencement of the WorkChoices Act and year by year since 2000?

Answer:

Between 27 March and 30 September 2006, 5968 GEERS claims have been received.

Following are the number of claims for assistance received under GEERS and its predecessor EESS, in each calendar year since the inception of the employee entitlements schemes:

Calendar Year	Claims received
2000	3500*
2001	11 432*
2002	12 566
2003	11 577
2004	10 225
2005	9735
2006 (up to 30 Sept)	8046

*Includes EESS claims.

Estimated cost: Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 4 hours at an estimated cost of \$80 to prepare this answer.