

**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 2.1: Workplace relations policy and analysis

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Question Number: W789-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Job Creation/Employment Criteria

Minister Andrews has said that over the life of the government, wages have grown by 16.4 per cent. (a) Please provide the calculations that show the 16.4 per cent growth on a year by year basis. (b) How many Australians have enjoyed a 16.4 per cent increase in wages over this time?

Answer:

(a) The real wages figure of 16.4 per cent (seasonally adjusted) is taken from the March quarter 1996 to the June quarter 2006, as at the release of the June quarter 2006 Australian National Accounts publication. This is not a year by year figure.

More recent data show that growth in real wages between the March quarter 1996 and the September quarter 2006 was 17.9 per cent.

(b) These data are not available.