

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

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2006**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation**

**Output Group: 3.1 Working age policy**

**Output: 3.1.2 Research and evaluation**

**Question Number: W865-07**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing: The advertisement for the position of Chief Economist stated that the role of the Chief Economist is to “lead a team responsible for labour market research and modelling [and] enhance the economic profile of the department in the government, academic and business sectors” (a) How large is the team supporting the Chief Economist? (b) What activities has the Chief Economist been undertaking since commencement? (c). What labour market modelling has been undertaken since the position was filled? (d) Can the department advise what economic advice it has provided to the Prime Minister, the Minister or either of their offices on the impact of WorkChoices?

**Answer:**

The Chief Economist has not yet been appointed.