SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10

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Question

Fair Work Education and Information Campaign

Is it possible to get a copy of those restrictions? So what you can and cannot do at the information sessions.

Answer

Restrictions on delivering Fair Work Education and Information session is contained in the 'Guidelines for Applicants' issued in April 2009. Sections 4.6, 4.7 and 5.1.7 of the 'Guidelines for Applicants' state:

- 4.6 The information and education services provided by successful applicants must be delivered free of charge to both members and non members, and be consistent with content provided by DEEWR and all relevant provisions of the new workplace relations system and Australian Government policy.
- 4.7 Successful grant recipients are not excluded from delivering or presenting additional education and information services outside the scope of the program (such as providing information on superannuation entitlements in a seminar where services are also provided under the program). However, funding provided under the program must not be used for these additional services. The Australian Government or DEEWR must not be attached to or in any way linked to the delivery of any non-program services.

5.1.7 Exclusions

Applicants must confirm in writing their acceptance of the following conditions for participation in the program:

Applicants cannot:

- propose to charge employees, employers and/or small businesses for the education and information services provided under the program;
- propose to require that employees, employers and/or small businesses become members of their organisation prior to receiving the information and education services;
- propose to provide information and education services exclusively to their members at the exclusion of non-members; and/or
- be bankrupt or otherwise subject to insolvency proceedings.