

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Human Services Portfolio

Centrelink

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Topic: Centrelink – Federal Minimum Wage

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SENATOR SIEWERT asked on 24/05/2007:

Why does Centrelink not have a process or policy in place to alert authorities such as the Workplace Ombudsman when they become aware of employees who are being paid below the federal minimum wage?

Answer:

Centrelink delivers payments and services on behalf of a number of policy departments. While Centrelink has not been asked by these policy agencies to alert authorities such as the Workplace Ombudsman when it becomes aware of customers being paid below the federal minimum wage, it does provide information to those customers to ensure that they understand that support is available to them.