

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Question No. 57

Senator Payne asked the following question at the hearing on 18 February 2008:

Was it the intention of the government that the first round of cuts was not to result in removals of staff positions where they could not be addressed through a redeployment process?

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The Government's intention was to reverse spending by the previous Government that formed part of its extreme WorkChoices laws, which were expected to increase complaints of breaches of human rights.