

**Senator MARSHALL**—If they are just case studies about what might be able to be in an AWA, we have already travelled that path. Can you tell me how many women have entered the industry on AWAs since the introduction of Work Choices?

**Ms Shelley**—I will have to take that on notice.

**Senator MARSHALL**—Would those figures be available?

**Ms Shelley**—I would need to look at the employment figures since the workplace relations reforms came in by gender.

**Answer:**

In response to the Senator's question, the Department has obtained the following figures from the Workplace Authority. The table below outlines the number of AWAs in the Transport and Storage industry by gender. Since the introduction of the Government's workplace reforms, 3 358 women have taken up AWAs in the industry. The Workplace Authority does not have data which determines the number of these AWAs that cover women who are new entrants to the industry.

AWAs in the Transport and Storage Industry from June 2004 to end of May 2007

Number of agreements

	Male	Female	Total
Post-WR reforms	11 900	3 358	15 258
Pre-WR reforms	10 660	2 263	13 447
Total (estimate of 'live' AWAs)	22 560	5 621	28 705

Percentage by gender

	Male (percentage)	Female (percentage)	Total (percentage)
Post-WR reforms	78	22	100
Pre-WR reforms	79	21	100
Total	79	21	100

Note: gender data is missing from a small proportion of AWAs - these have been excluded from the above (not considered significant)

'Live' AWAs refers to the number of AWAs that are estimated to be currently operating in the industry.