SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 30 ,31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Outputs 1.2.2: Employment Services

Question Number: W012-06

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 24:

Please provide a copy of the written correspondence from DEWR national office to the state offices that they ensure that there was disability access to post budget information sessions.

Answer:

On 5 May 2005, the Assistant Secretary, Employment Communications Branch, requested State Managers to book venues and make other arrangements for the information sessions. Part of the request included the following: "States are asked to select venues that are accessible to wheelchair attendees".

On 12 May 2005, Assistant Secretary, Employment Communications Branch, requested that States: "...please ensure that those people taking RSVPs for the information sessions ask specifically if the attendee has any special accessibility requirements".