SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces

Output Group 2.1: Workplace relations policy and analysis

Outputs 2.1.2: Workplace relations legislation development

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Question:

Senator Marshall asked at *Hansard* page 107/108:

How many legal officers are involved with the development of the government's proposed industrial relation changes? Are any of those officers from other APS agencies?

Answer:

There are approximately 30 lawyers working on different aspects of the workplace relations legislation reform exercise.

Three of these are officers from other APS agencies (two from the Australian Government Solicitor and one from the Australian Public Service Commission). The Department also has secondees from Blake Dawson Waldron, Clayton Utz, Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Freehills, Minter Ellison and Phillips Fox. All these firms are members of the Department's Legal Services Panel.