

**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 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group: 2.1 Workplace relations policy and analysis

Outputs: 2.1.1 Workplace relations policy advice

Question Number: W332-06

Question:

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

What is the estimate of the total cost of the Government's involvement in each of Safety Net Adjustment hearings since 1996?

Has the Government allocated a specific budget for development of its position in any of Safety Net Adjustment hearings since 1996?

If so how much and who approved these budgets.

Answer:

It is not possible to estimate the total cost involved in cases such as the Safety Net Review of wages since 1996. The level of involvement of officers across the Department varies from case to case, and from work unit to work unit for a particular case. Specific budgets are not allocated for the Safety Net Review processes.