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 Group2.2: Workplace Relations Implementation

Output 2.2.8: Office of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council

Question Number: W336-06

Ouestion:

Senator Marshall asked in writing in regard to performance information:

What is the budget dedicated to undertaking the outputs new performance requirement?

How will this be undertaken?

How many people will be employed in undertaking this requirement?

What is the current arrangement?

What arrangements are being put in place to meet these changed performance requirements?

Answer:

\$18.187m. This amount will cover all work undertaken by the Office of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council (ASCC) on national OHS and workers' compensation during 2005-06.

The Office of the ASCC, which will support the work of the Australian Safety and Compensation Council (ASCC), is based in the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR).

Approximately 82 people are employed in the Office of the ASCC.

The Office of the ASCC currently has three Branches which manage OHS work.

A new section is being established in the Office to manage workers' compensation policy matters.