

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2ND NOVEMBER 2006**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

OFFICE OF WORKPLACE SERVICES

**Outcome 1 : The rights and obligations of workers and employers under the
Workplace Relations Act 1996 are understood and enforced fairly**

Output Group 1.1 : Education and Compliance Services

Question Number: W377-07

Question:

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

How many employees recovered monies with assistance of OWS (other than by prosecution of their employer)? Please provide a breakdown of these employees by, gender, age, occupation, industry, size of business, location (by state) and employment status (full-time, part-time, casual or independent contractor). Of these matters, how many involved recover of unpaid monies of (a) less than \$1000 (b) between \$1000 and \$5000 (c) between \$5000 and \$10000 (d) over \$10000

Answer:

Between 27 March 2006 and 31 October 2006, OWS, recovered money for 1,771 claims on behalf of 2,290 employees. Additionally, OWS recovered money on behalf of employees through targeted compliance activities. Disaggregated, OWS recovered money for:

- (a) 1,686 employees where less than \$1,000 was involved;
- (b) 1,269 employees where between \$1,000 and less than \$5,000 was involved;
- (c) 227 employees where between \$5,000 and less than \$10,000;
- (d) 397 employees where \$10,000 or more was involved.

Estimated Cost: To prepare this answer has taken approximately 6.6 hours at a cost of \$116.50