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

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.3: Workplace relations services

Question Number: W640-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: <u>Work Choices Implementation Agencies – General</u> <u>Matters</u> What is the difference between the Workplace Advisory Service, the Employer Advisors in each state and territory and the Employer Adviser Programme?

Answer:

The Workplace Advisory Service is a DEWR service. Workplace Advisors are Departmental employees who provide free information and education to employees and employers on general workplace relations matters.

The Department does not have or contract services from "Employer Advisors".

The Employer Advisor Programme (EAP) is a contracted service. The EAP provides targeted information on the specific application of WorkChoices, drawing on the business, jurisdictional and industry knowledge of the providers.

Estimated cost: Based on the FOI calculator it has taken approximately 2 hours at an estimated cost of \$40 to prepare this answer.