

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 5 – Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0785\_12

**Senator Thistlewaite asked on 19 October 2011 , Hansard page 116**

***Domestic Violence Clearinghouse Project***

**Question**

Senator THISTLETHWAITE: And can you tell us how many employers have participated in the project? Ms Devereux: I do not think I have that level of detail here. We essentially funded an organisation to deliver the project for us rather than doing it ourselves. Mr Kovacic: We might take that on notice

**Answer**

As part of the Domestic Violence Workplace Rights and Entitlements Project, the Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse (ADFVC) engages with Australian employers to inform them about domestic violence issues and the impacts for both workers and the workplace, building their capacity to support workers affected by domestic violence through the provision of training and resources, as well as examining ways to address this through collective bargaining.

Throughout the project, the ADFVC has met and consulted with employers on a regular basis, including:

- the Surf Coast Shire (VIC) and the University of New South Wales (NSW), who are employer partners for the project, and
- the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and all of the state Chambers; Australian Industry Group; and The Business Higher Education Round Table.

The ADFVC has advised the Department that as at 28 October 2011 it had consulted with the following individual employers and Government representatives from the following states:

**NEW SOUTH WALES**

Ashfield Council

Canterbury Council

City of Sydney Council

NSW Government including:

- Officials from the Department of Premier and Cabinet
- then Minister for Industrial Relations, the Hon. Paul Lynch, MP
- then Minister for Women, Ms Jodi McKay

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## **VICTORIA**

Barwon Water Authority  
Brimbank City Council  
Central Gold Fields Shire  
City of Greater Geelong Council  
El Zorro Transport Pty Ltd  
Moonee Valley Council  
Mornington Council  
Moyne Shire Council  
Municipal Association of Victoria

Victorian Government including officials from:

- Victorian Office of Women's Policy (Department of Human Services)
- Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development
- Department of Justice

Victorian Local Government Association  
Whittlesea Council

## **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Community Employers of Western Australia  
St John of God Hospital  
The Hon. Robyn McSweeney, MLC, WA Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Seniors and Volunteering; Women's Interests; Youth.  
Western Australian Government including officials from:

- Department of Health WA
- Department of Commerce
- Office for the Hon. Peter Collier, MLC, Minister for Training and Workforce Development

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

BusinessSA  
SA Thoroughbred Racing  
The Hon. Gail Gago, MLC, Minister for the Status of Women  
South Australian Government including officials from the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion

## **QUEENSLAND**

Heritage Building Society  
Queensland Government including officials from:

- Department of Communities
- Office for the Hon. Karen Struthers MP, Minister of Women
- Office for the Hon. Cameron Dick MP, Minister for Industrial Relations

Queensland Rail

## **NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Skycity Casino  
Northern Territory Government including officials from:

- Department of Children and Families
- Office for the Hon. Malarndirri Barbara Anne McCarthy MLA, Minister for Women's Policy

## **TASMANIA**

Tasmanian Government including officials from:

- Office for Cassy O'Connor, MP, the Minister for Human Services and Community Development
- Office for David O'Byrne, MP, the Minister for Workplace Relations
- Department of Premier and Cabinet

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