

Senate Standing Committee on Economics

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Question: **AET 52**

Topic: **Equal Remuneration Order - WA**

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Senator SIEWERT asked:

Senator SIEWERT: Okay. I want to go to the ERO case in Western Australia. You are aware that there is a new case.

Mr Robinson: I am aware, yes.

Senator SIEWERT: I understand there needs to be new money allocated. There will be agencies, particularly with the state-Commonwealth arrangements. There would need to be a new allocation if the Commonwealth were to consider contributing to any decision that is—

Senator Wong: This is a case under the state legislation?

Senator SIEWERT: Yes. Would the Commonwealth be thinking of allocating more resources if that were a successful case?

Mr Robinson: I think that is a policy question.

Senator Wong: I am happy to take it on notice.

Senator SIEWERT: Okay, thank you. Did you say you would take on notice the overall number?

Mr Robinson: I can take that on notice.

Senator SIEWERT: Thank you very much.

Answer:

The response to any new case would be a policy decision for Government.