

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

**2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING
19 FEBRUARY 2004**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome: Corporate

Question Number: W355-04

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

- (a) Does the Department have a panel of legal providers with whom it contracts for the provision of legal services?
- (b) If so, which legal firms are on the panel?
- (c) When was this panel established?
- (d) How long are the legal providers on the panel for?
- (e) When is the panel assessed?

Answer:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The Australian Government Solicitor; Blake Dawson Waldron Lawyers; Clayton Utz; Freehills; Minter Ellison Lawyers; and Philips Fox Lawyers.
- (c) August 2002.
- (d) Unless a particular panel member's contract is otherwise terminated or extended, the panel contracts for all current members are due to expire on 30 June 2005.
- (e) The performance of each current panel member in respect of work carried out by the respective panel member is subject to continuous assessment during and up until the completion of the particular matter.