

**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 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace**

**Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation**

**Output 2.2.2: Industry and Australian Government Employment Advice**

**Question Number: W387-04**

**Question:**

Senator Marshall asked at *Hansard* page 79:

- (a) Could the Department provide specifications provided to Econtech to produce the report on Productivity in the Building Industry?
- (b) Was Econtech advised to make predetermined assumptions to base their report on?

**Answer:**

- (a) The tender documentation required the successful tenderer to conduct the following analyses:
  - 1. a high level economic assessment of the effects of possible workplace relations reforms in the building and construction industry upon that industry and the Australian economy; and
  - 2. a detailed economic assessment of the effects of possible workplace relations reforms in the building and construction industry upon the efficiency of that industry.
- (b) No.