

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

**2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING
19 FEBRUARY 2004**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.1: Workplace Relations Policy and Analysis

Output 2.2.8: Interim Building Taskforce

Question Number: W406-04

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

- (a) Are Taskforce officers entitled to claim expenses for meals, drinks or corporate hospitality?
- (b) Have any Taskforce officers claimed for reimbursement from the Department for meals, drinks or corporate hospitality? If so, what is the amount of such claims for the current financial year?

Answer:

- (a) Yes, in accordance with Departmental policy
- (b) Yes. From 1 July 2003 to 31 January 2004, \$70,543.18 was spent on meals, drinks, accommodation and official hospitality.