SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2005-2006 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 16 FEBRUARY 2006 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1:	Efficient and effective labour market assistance
Output Group 1.2:	Labour market programme management and delivery
Output 1.2.2:	Employment Services
Question Number:	W680-06

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing: a) Is the department confident that it has satisfied the Privacy Act in respect of release of client information consent forms?

b) What information can and should employment services providers give each other (eg PSP referring to Job Network etc)?

Answer:

a) Yes, the Department is confident that the processes for client information exchange that are currently in place fully satisfy the Privacy Act.

b) Employment service providers can and should only disclose information between and among other service providers that is relevant to the provision of service to the client by the provider, for example to assist in determining the type of activity in which a client is able to participate.