

**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 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.2: Workplace relations implementation

Output 2.2.4: Office of Workplace Services

Question Number: W735-06

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 111:

OWS Office Transfers - Of the \$29.14 million allocated for the expansion of existing OWS offices and the transfers into new locations, please provide details on a) how many offices will be transferred? b) which offices are involved in transferring?

Answer:

As at 16 February 2006, OWS staff were located in six office locations – Sydney, Canberra, Newcastle, Melbourne, Bendigo and Darwin.

By 31 December 2006, it is proposed that OWS staff will be located in 28 office locations, including national office, one office in each capital city and offices in 19 regional locations (see Mr Pratt's answer at *Hansard* pp 110-111).

Of the six current OWS locations, it is anticipated that the Sydney, Newcastle and Darwin offices will be transferred to new locations.