

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

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplaces

Output Group 2.2: Workplace Relations Implementation

Outputs 2.2.8: Building Industry Taskforce

Question Number: W073-05

Question:

Senator Cook asked at *Hansard* page 102:

Please provide a copy of the internal guidelines relating to the covert recording of conversations.

Answer:

The internal guidelines for the Building Industry Taskforce are contained in the *Policy and Guideline Manual*. The section of the manual that deals with the covert recording of conversations is reproduced below:

‘15.22 Use of tape recording equipment which is concealed and video equipment will be allowable **only in exceptional circumstances** in accordance with the legislative constraints *and then only with approval of the Deputy Director Operations*’.