

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

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Office of the Employment Advocate

Question Number: W264-06

Question:

Senator Marshall provided in writing:

Is there not a conflict of interest inherent in having community partners paid to approve AWAs by the OEA where the community partner organisation is a membership-based employers' organisation that receives a fee-for-service from members who make AWAs?

Answer:

The community partners are not paid to approve AWAs by the OEA. They are not membership-based employers' organisations. They are employment and industrial relations advisory service centres or community legal centres staffed by employees and assisted by volunteers. See the answer to Question on Notice number 221.