

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30, 31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group: 2.2 Workplace Relations Implementation

Output: 2.2.1 Industry and Australian government employment advice

Question Number: W333-06

Question:

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

The Department has recently announced that it will be 'looking into' agreement making at Toyota and Kemalex.

- (a) Under which powers are DEWR looking into these agreements?
- (b) What initiated their review?
- (c) Have the reports been delivered and can copies be tabled?
- (d) What have been the recommendations of these reports?
- (e) What action has been taken based on these recommendations?
- (f) What other agreements has DEWR completed reports on?
- (g) Have any of these reports ever involved agreements where the wages or conditions are too low?
- (h) What part of DEWR does these reports?
- (i) How many of what staff complete these reports? What are their qualifications and funding?
- (j) Has the Department conducted any surveys or studies into the attitude of the parties to an agreement about interference/investigation from the Department?

Answer:

- (a): The Department has not looked into agreement making at Kemalex.
- (a) and (b): The Department has reviewed a range of automotive sector agreements in the context of a broad examination of workplace relations and productivity. No report or analysis has been completed.
- (c) through (i): No reports have been completed.
- (j): No.