

**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: W334-06**

**Question:**

Senator Marshall asked in writing:

Has the Department prepared anything for the Minister on the Kemalex dispute?

What was the nature of that?

What actions has the Minister or the Department taken?

Has the Department provided any assistance to Kemalex in this dispute?

If so, please provide details.

Has Kemalex sought advice or support from the DEWR?

If so, can the following details be provided:

- (a) what was the nature of the request?
- (b) When was it requested?
- (c) Was the request met favourably?
- (d) If so, why?
- (e) If not, why not?

**Answer:**

The Department does not comment on briefing that may or may not have prepared for the Minister. No action has been taken in relation to the Kemalex dispute. The Department has not provided any assistance to Kemalex. Kemalex has not sought advice or support from the Department.