

**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

AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRIAL REGISTRY

Question Number: W392-06

Question:

Senator Ludwig asked in writing:

Does the Agency have an in-house legal section? If so, what was the 2004/2005 actual cost of this section? What was the budgeted amount for this section in 2004/2005? What is the budget amount for this section in 2005/2006?

Answer:

The AIR does not have an in-house legal team. However, a number of employees are legally qualified and some have a current practicing certificate. Their skills are sometimes called upon to provide advice on matters, yet this function is not their primary responsibility. The AIR does not track the costs of this service