

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

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Question

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 12:

If persons under the age of 15 are on AWAs, does the OEA check that the relevant child employment permits are held by the employer?

Answer:

The OEA is not aware of any requirement to hold such a permit other than in Victoria. The *Workplace Relations Act 1996* sets out the filing/ additional approval requirements and the no-disadvantage test that the OEA is to have regard to when assessing AWAs. Whether someone has a permit to work is not a matter that the OEA can take into account in that assessment.