

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

**2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING  
6 NOVEMBER**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace**

**Output Group 2.1: Workplace Relations Policy and Analysis**

**Outputs 2.1.1: Policy Advice and Legislation Development**

**Question Number: W196-04**

**Question:**

Senator Collins asked at *Hansard* page 23:

How many occasions in 2001-02 and 2002-02, has the department sought legal advice with respect to interventions or potential interventions?

**Answer:**

The Department seeks legal advice internally from the Workplace Relations Legal Group and externally from Solicitors on the Department's Legal Panel. This advice will often include legal and policy advice that relates to intervening in a matter. The provision of such advice occurs on a regular basis and it is not possible to advise as to how many occasions such advice has been provided.