

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

**2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING
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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 2: Higher productivity, higher pay workplace

Output Group 2.1: Workplace Relations Policy and Analysis

Output 2.1.1: Policy Advice and Legislation Development

Question Number: W199-04

Question:

Senator Jacinta Collins asked at *Hansard* page 32:

Could the Department advise if, apart from three Bills dealing with contempt of the AIRC and court and tribunal orders, there were any other proposals canvassed in recent Article 22 Reports to the ILO.

Answer:

In October 2003 the Australian Government provided two routine reports to the ILO under Article 22 of the ILO Constitution.

These are: the Report on Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948 (No.87) covering the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003; and the Report on Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949 (No.98) covering the period 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2003.

Bills before the Parliament when the reports were being prepared are identified. However, the Reports do not canvass the contents of those Bills.

Each report briefly refers to the work of the Royal Commission into the Building and Construction Industry. A hyperlink to the Exposure Draft of the Building and Construction Industry Improvement Bill released on 18 September 2003 is identified.