

**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 2.2: Workplace Relations implementation**

**Outputs 2.2.4: Workplace Relations Services**

**Question Number: W205-04**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in *Hansard* page 55 & 56:

Could the department provide a disaggregation of output 2.2.4, including:

- (a) State breakdown of Government funding towards Wageline
- (b) The number of inspectors under the OWS and their budget allocation.

**Answer:**

- (a) No. Under the Commonwealth's output and outcome based budgeting and reporting framework agencies are not required to report below the output level. In addition, in line with this framework resources are managed at the output level.

A recent review of State budgets provide indicative direct costs, not total costs, for Wageline as at September 2003:

NSW	\$ 500,000
VIC	\$1,600,000
NT	\$ 209,000

- (b) 91 departmental officers are currently appointed as inspectors in OWS.

A recent review of State budgets provide indicative direct costs, not total costs, for Compliance activity as at September 2003:

NSW	\$1,505,000
VIC	\$2,670,000
NT	\$ 379,000