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

Output 2.2.8: Interim Building Taskforce

Question Number: W228-04

Question:

Senator Collins asked in writing:

Has the Taskforce investigated any instances of underpayments of employee entitlements in the building and construction industry? How many?

Answer:

It is not part of the Taskforce's remit to investigate instances of underpayment of employee entitlements in the building and construction industry. If instances of underpayment of employee entitlements are discovered in the course of Taskforce investigations, these are draw to the attention of the employer, or referred to the Office of Workplace Services in the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, or to the relevant state jurisdiction. Information on these matters is not collected by the Taskforce.