

**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: W240-04

Question:

Senator Collins asked in writing:

Does the Taskforce have any guidelines or enforcement policies that set out what factors are taken into account when deciding to enforce a provision or to refer a particular matter for prosecution?

Answer:

Yes, in its policy and procedures manual.

It follows the direction to inspectors made by the Secretary to Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, on 26 September 2002, under section 84(5) of the WRA. This direction directs that litigation action can only be undertaken with the consent of, inter alia, the Head of the Interim Building Industry Taskforce.

It follows the Legal Services Directions in respect of the Model Litigant Policy.