

**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: 2.2.5: Employee Entitlements Safety Net Schemes**

**Question Number: W250 -04**

**Question:**

Senator Collins asked in writing:

- (a) Would you expect to save money on the administration of GEERS by contracting out some of its functions? If so, how much?
- (b) If yes, Would these savings result from employees in contracted-out firms administering GEERS being paid lower rates of pay than Department staff?

**Answer:**

The department does not have a set of expectations on this issue – refer Question W248-04.