

**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

Output 2.2.5: Employee Entitlements Safety Net Schemes

Question Number: W254-04

Question:

Senator Collins asked in writing:

Has the Department conducted its own assessment of the maximum potential cost of these legal actions? If not why not? If yes, what was the estimate of the extent of the total liability that could arise from these actions?

Answer:

Yes. The Department has provided for contingent liabilities related to these cases in its 2002-2003 financial statements for \$23.9 million.