

**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 1: An effectively functioning labour market

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.2: Employment Services

Question Number: W276-04

Question:

Senator Webber asked in writing:

Wasn't it the case that there was considerable tension between the Department and Centrelink that resulted in individual letters to the Prime Minister's office and the formation of a Interdepartmental Committee on ESC3?

Answer:

No. An Interdepartmental Committee was formed to consider issues associated with low attendance rates at interviews by job seekers.