

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 9

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Senator Fisher asked on 23 October 2008, EEWL Hansard page 45.

Question

Fair Work Bill

Does the Bill repeal the Workplace Relations Act in its entirety and replace it with a new Act, or does the Bill amend parts on it?

Answer

The Fair Work Bill 2008 is not an amending Act. It will establish a new legislative framework for workplace relations. Separate legislation will be introduced in the first half of 2009 to set out transitional and consequential changes. As part of this, some aspects of the current legislative framework will continue to operate for a transitional period.