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SENSIBLE DECISION TO EXTEND WORKCHOICES RECORD-KEEPING IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

Statement by Heather Ridout
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“The Federal Government has made a sensible decision to extend the implementation period for the record-keeping requirements under the WorkChoices legislation.

“This is a very large piece of legislation and given its size the implementation period was short. This has created a compliance challenge for business and Ai Group has been in dialogue with the Government seeking to address a range of technical issues to ensure that the compliance burden is not excessive.

“The extension in the implementation period to 26 March 2007 will allow time for industry to further consult with the Government and for problems to be ironed out.

“Ai Group has been active in briefing companies on the legislation. Since November last year we have delivered WorkChoices briefings across Australia, reaching almost 13,000 employers in events designed to educate and assist employers with the implementation of WorkChoices at their workplace.

“Our knowledge of the legislation and grass roots understanding of the changes will inform our discussions with the Government during the extended period of implementation announced today,” Mrs Ridout said.

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