Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 7 Question No: 198

Topic: Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program Work Experience and Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) in Amoonguna

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Senator Siewert asked:

- 1. Are the employment arrangements and conditions different across the two projects?
- 2. Should employment contracts and payslips differentiate between these projects?

Answer:

- 1. CDEP arrangements are not employment arrangements for new participants on income support. As part of their participation requirements in the CDEP program, new participants undertook activities in order to meet their participation requirements under income support. Continuing participants were paid wages as they are entitled to be paid under the CDEP transitional arrangements. SIHIP offers employment opportunities under full employment/award conditions and any hours worked on the SIHIP project in addition to CDEP hours were paid on this basis.
- 2. Yes.