

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 193

**Topic:** Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) providers and Job Services Australia (JSA) registrations.

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**Senator Siewert** asked:

Currently it is a contractual requirement of CDEP providers that all CDEP participants are registered with a Job Service Australia Provider to remain eligible for CDEP. The CDEP provider however, is unable to control or manage compliance with this contractual obligation, as the registration process can only be undertaken by the JSA Provider.

I understand that from 1 July, 2011 FaHCSIA will be strictly enforcing this provision, and CDEP participants will be removed from CDEP if they are not registered with a JSAP.

Can you confirm whether it is FaHCSIA's intention to enforce the removal of CDEP participants from the CDEP program if the JSA Provider fails to register them for JSA services?

Will the circumstances of these individuals be reviewed prior to their removal from CDEP?

**Answer:**

CDEP participants are not denied eligibility to participate in the CDEP program and are not automatically exited from the program, if failure to register with a JSA provider by the due date resulted from circumstances beyond their control.

Where the participant refuses to register, as stipulated in the CDEP funding agreement, they are required to be exited from the program. If they later register with a JSA provider they may be eligible to return to CDEP.