

**Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 3 - Employment**

**DEEWR Question No. CA0033\_13**

**Senator Payne provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Effect of grants pause on IEP**

Have you engaged with any stakeholders affected by the pause in IEP and other programs, from 27 August to 22 October 2012, to ensure their applications were not threatened by this pause? Have the assessment criteria or amount of funding allocated changed since the pause was lifted?

**Answer**

Stakeholders with IEP applications for tailored assistance and for Indigenous Wage Subsidy, Indigenous Cadetship Support and CDEP Work Experience that were affected by the grants pause, were informed of the pause and advised their applications would be processed as soon as possible after the pause ended.

The grants pause did not result in any project application for IEP funding being rejected. The department continues to work with applicants for IEP funding and is currently funding many quality projects.

The criteria for assessing IEP projects has not changed and there has been no change to the amount of IEP funding available since the pause was lifted.