

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING
19 FEBRUARY 2004**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: An effectively functioning labour market

Output Groups 1.1/1.2 : Labour Market Policy Analysis
Labour market programme management and delivery

Outputs 1.1.1/1.2.3: Policy Advice
Indigenous Employment Programme

Question Number: W333-04

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 71:

Has the department made any payment in the last 12 months, under programs administered in any part or in any agency of the Department to the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry? If so please provide:

- (a) Details on such payments;
- (b) The name and nature of the programs;
- (c) When the payments were received for the first time or when they were received in previous years and, if they were received in previous year, in which years?
- (d) Are there any performance indicators attached to the funding and, if so, what are they, how often are they assessed?
- (e) When will the funding be re-evaluated or be re-opened to other potential recipients?

Answer:

Yes.

(a)	2002/03	2003/04 (to February 2004)
Indigenous Employment Program (IEP)	\$485,240	\$60,000
Reimbursement for ACCI staff attending DEWR Workshop	\$422.06	

(b) See (a) above.

(c) Payments under IEP were made to ACCI in each of the financial years since 1994/95. Information prior to 1994/95 is not available in readily retrievable form.

(d) Yes, assessed quarterly. ACCI is required to report against specified deliverables under its contractual arrangements with the Department. Payments are made based on the achievement of these deliverables. Key deliverables under the current ACCI contract, which relate to the payment made in 2003/04, include:

- Provision of strategic level advice to the Department from an industry perspective on employment of Indigenous Australians in the private sector;
- Provision of coordinated industry advice to the Department on aspects of the Government's Indigenous Employment Policy;
- Working with industry associations and employer organisations within the ACCI network to secure the development of Indigenous Employment Strategies in which industries and organisations commit to generate Indigenous employment outcomes and promote Indigenous enterprise opportunities;
- Assistance with business development opportunities under the IEP;
- Identification and promotion throughout the ACCI network of case studies of private sector businesses employing Indigenous Australians and/or encouraging Indigenous enterprise;
- Provision of advice on industry trends with respect to skill shortages at national and regional levels; and
- Undertaking marketing activities associated with the IEP.

(e) The current ACCI contract for IEP will be reviewed prior to its completion in June 2005.