

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

**2004-2005 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
17 FEBRUARY 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcomes 3: Increased Workforce Participation

Output Group 3.1: Working Age Policy

Output 3.1.1: Working Age Policy and Legislation

Question Number: W265-05

Question:

Senator Carr asked in writing:

As the lead agency for the Shepparton COAG Trial, has the Department taken any action to respond to the criticism of the management of the Trial in the paper "Take It or Leave It", published by the Eureka Project in October 2004?

Answer:

No, the "Take It or Leave It" report does not represent the views of the Shepparton Indigenous community. DEWR and other government partners respond to issues raised by the Shepparton Indigenous Community, represented by the Aboriginal Community Facilitation Group (ACFG). Government partners meet with the ACFG on a monthly basis to ensure progress on the eleven priority areas identified by the Shepparton Indigenous community.

The ACFG chairperson, stated that the "Take It or Leave It" report was ill-informed, and that no discussion occurred with the ACFG in the development of the "Take It or Leave It" report.