

**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

Indigenous Business Australia

Question Number: W283-05

Question:

Senator Carr asked in writing:

What advice have you received about why the decision was taken to relocate Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and the ATSIC Business Development Program (BDP) in DEWR as opposed to, for example, the Department of Industry? What is the rationale for that?

Answer:

1. No advice was provided to IBA.
2. DEWR has an existing number of Indigenous business support programmes and IBA and DEWR have historically worked closely together to maximise employment and training opportunities both within IBA investments and within our joint venture partners