

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

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Indigenous Business Australia

Question Number: W288-05

Question:

Senator Carr asked in writing:

Has it been put to you that administration of the BDP ought not to be handed to IBA, on the basis that IBA is a small, specialised agency that does its job well and should not be diverted into what is essentially a different area?

Answer:

Yes – these views have been expressed in the Report on Support for Indigenous Business. This view predated the Government's decision to abolish ATSIC and therefore was premised on the belief that the status quo was an option