

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

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17 FEBRUARY 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Indigenous Business Australia

Question Number: W291-05

Question:

Senator Carr asked in writing:

What is the conceptual connection between the two business financing entities – the BDP and the IBA – on the one hand, and CDEP on the other? How, practically speaking, do you envisage the business financing program and agency interacting or integrating with CDEP, or with other employment programs?

Answer:

Clearly there is a need to encourage the development of sustainable activity in CDEP's and to encourage CDEP participants to move beyond part time employment. The various business programmes will have the capacity to support economic development provided that it meets the commercial objectives of the funding programmes.