

**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: W296-05

Question:

Senator Carr asked in writing:

Did the report find that “Indigenous Business Australia on paper appears successful, but this in part reflects legislative requirements to invest in safe assets (for example, office buildings) that have no discernible impact on Indigenous business or employment opportunities”? If not, has this assessment been made by the bureaucracy quite separately? Is this assessment informed by the views of the IBA itself? If not, was IBA aware of this assessment?

Answer:

1. No
2. IBA has no knowledge of this commentary
3. No
4. No