

**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: W300-05

Question:

Senator Carr asked in writing:

What are the implications of any expansion of Indigenous employment programs or any changes to policy such as “Shared Responsibility Agreements” for the need for finance for Indigenous small and medium-sized businesses?

Answer:

The provision of grant funding to generate greater Indigenous employment outcomes, and the use of shared responsibility agreements, may reduce the short term demand for community based business support. The major client base of the BDP is individuals and Indigenous owned incorporated structures. This demand is unlikely to be affected through enhanced community based activities.