

**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: W301-05

Question:

Senator Carr asked in writing:

Did the review consider whether IBA should take over the Business Development Program? If so, what did it find? What reasons did it provide for its findings?

Answer:

1. Yes
2. It recommended that IBA should continue with its current functions.
3. The report considered that assuming responsibility for BDP would result in a loss of focus and high administrative burdens. The report was however prepared before the Government proposed the abolition of ATSIC and therefore it did not consider the question of what should happen to those programmes if ATSIC no longer existed