

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

**2005-2006 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
16 FEBRUARY 2006
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

INDIGENOUS BUSINESS AUSTRALIA

**Outcome 1: Stimulating the economic advancement of Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Island peoples**

Output 1.3: Business Development and Assistance

Question Number: W845-06

Question:

Senator Evans asked at *Hansard* page 56-57: – In terms of the contract with Hillsong,

- a) how was the amount of funding assessed for Mr Coleman's position and Mr Bromley's position?
- b) how much was paid to them for the year to October 2004 for their involvement in this project?
- c) Did part of the payment of salaries go to meeting the costs of supervisory staff and did this include a cost towards the cost of salaries for both Mr Coleman and Mr Bromley or other individuals who had a supervisory role?
- d) Was there any payment to Mr Coleman from the funding of the enterprise hubs project?

Answer:

- a) The budgeted salary for Mr Coleman was \$44,000 from the MED project and \$36,000 from the Sydney Hubs project, Mr Bromley's budgeted salary was \$85,000 from the MED project and nil from the Sydney Hubs project. These salary amounts were assessed as an annual salary figure (rather than hourly rate) in line with the full project assessment of the budget items for each project and were found to be in line with the skills and experience both men brought to the project. The spending on staff was below what was negotiated.
- b) Mr Coleman's earnings for 14 month period 1 November 2004 to 31 December 2005 was \$83,146
Mr Bromley's earnings for 11 month period 1 November 2004 to 15 September 2005 was \$59,816
- c) Yes, Mr Coleman's role was 90% funded by the two projects and he had management supervisory function of the two projects. Mr Bromley was employed only on the MED project but he had a supervisory role for Many Rivers and Cape York MED pilots.

- d) Yes, Mr Coleman was allocated and paid \$36,000 from the Hubs project budget.