

**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: W846-06**

**Question:**

Senator Evans asked at *Hansard* page 57: – did the business activity of this hub have any connection with Hillsong Emerge Ltd?

**Answer:** The original proposal was for funding the Hub at Mt Druitt however the Outwest Enterprise Hub is actually located at Seven Hills in the Blacktown LGA. The Hub premises are commercially rented and IBA funding was used to support Capacity building/hub and Shine activities (no MED was run from this office as negotiated with ATSIC). The office space is shared with other Hillsong Emerge activity and the rent is shared on a 50/50 basis.

Hillsong Emerge Ltd website announced on 1 March 2006 that Hillsong Emerge Ltd have decided to continue to fund, operate and deliver these services of their own accord.

Hillsong Emerge Ltd have not applied to IBA for continued assistance with these projects.