

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

**2006-2007 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
15 FEBRUARY 2007  
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation**

**Output Group 3.2: Labour market strategies**

**Output 3.2.3: CDEP management (Community Development  
Employment Projects)**

**Question Number: W1054-07**

**Question:**

Senator Crossin asked in writing:

**a)** Can you tell me why DEWR decided to remove CDEP contracts from the Central Australian communities of Imanpa, Kaltukatjara and Mutitjulu? **b)** In what ways were they failing in management or governance? **c)** For how long had this been going on? **d)** Had they been told about the problem and given any warnings or help? **e)** How, when and by whom - what visits and communications were provided to each? (could you please provide dates?) **f)** When was it decided to take CDEP away from each of them? **g)** Who made this decision? **h)** When and how were the organisations informed?

**Answer:**

Imanpa Community Council's 2005-06 CDEP contract was terminated on 16 March 2006. The organisation was informed of this decision in writing. Details of issues arising under that contract can not be released as they are a matter between the Department and the contracted organisation. The Department wrote to the Chair of the Imanpa Council on 9 January 2006 and met with the Council on 18 February 2006. The Department also made regular visits to the community including visits in the course of its contract management.

Mutitjulu Community Council was awarded a contract to deliver CDEP services on 4 April 2006 and the contract lapsed on 30 June 2006. Mutitjulu did not win a contract to deliver CDEP in 2006-07.

Kaltukatjara Community has never held a CDEP contract.

**Estimated cost:** Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 7 hours at an estimated cost of \$140.35.