

**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: W1060-07

Question:

Senator Crossin asked in writing:

DEWR are highly zealous about organisations being accountable but how transparent is this process of awarding contracts and would you say it makes DEWR really accountable and if so to whom and in what way?

Answer:

The process used to source a CDEP service provider for this location was the same as that used for the annual funding process.

The key principle underpinning the process is value for money. Applicant organisations have to address four published evaluation criteria. Only those applicants who successfully meet the criteria or the highest ranked applicant in the case of competing applications, are contacted by the Department to enter into negotiation of terms and conditions for CDEP funding.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 6 hours at an estimated cost of \$116.35.