

**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: W1061-07**

**Question:**

Senator Crossin asked in writing:

Back in December 2006, Umbakumba Council in the NT was also seriously harassed and threatened with the loss of their CDEP due to 'poor management', despite having unqualified audit reports in previous years, and having a CDEP that was providing training and jobs in a successful alcohol abuse program and building houses and roads, as well as concrete batching plant - so what were they supposedly doing wrong? Why were they threatened with loss of CDEP? Where are they at now - are they still under threat of losing their CDEP to some other provider?

**Answer:**

The Department currently has a contract with the Umbakumba Community Council to deliver CDEP services to 30 June 2007.

Details of issues arising under that contract can not be released as they are a matter between the Department and the contracted organisation.

**Estimated cost:** Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 4.75 hours at an estimated cost of \$92.25.