

**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: W1084-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 123:
Have there been any changes to CDEP implementation?

Answer:

There are two changes to the CDEP programme for 2007-08. These are:

1. Reduced allowable earnings for CDEP participants

- The allowable income limits for CDEP participants will be lowered to increase the incentive for participants to move into real jobs.
- A revised allowable income limit of \$41 332 per participant – comprising of \$20 666 per year from CDEP and \$20 666 from other sources will apply from 1 July 2007.

2. Introduction of 26-week CDEP Placement Incentive payment

- From 1 July 2007 CDEP service providers who place participants in employment off CDEP will be paid a CDEP Placement Incentive payment of \$825 if the former participant remains in employment for at least 26 weeks.
- Currently CDEP Placement Incentives include an initial placement fee and a 13-week outcome payment.
- This additional payment will provide a further incentive for CDEP service providers to seek long-term work for participants.

Estimated cost: Using the FOI calculator, to prepare this answer it has taken approximately 6 hours at an estimated cost of \$120.