

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

**Outcome/Agency**        **8**

**DEEWR Question No. EW1011\_09**

Senator Siewart asked on in writing.

**Question**

*Urban and Regional reforms to CDEP*

What evaluation has been done on the closing down of CDEP programs in urban areas?

**Answer**

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) monitored the movement of participants in organisations which ceased receiving CDEP funding for over 12 months. The providers of CDEP in urban areas were then encouraged to tender to become a service provider under the Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP) program. The progress of organisations which became STEP providers was also monitored during the same time frame. As the program has been the responsibility of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs since December 2007 any further evaluation would be undertaken by that department.