

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING  
30 ,31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

**EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance**

**Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery**

**Outputs 1.2.3: Indigenous employment programmes**

**Question Number: W066-06**

**Question:**

Senator Carr asked at *Hansard* page 47:

In regard to the Evaluation of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy, how long has it been with the Minister for and when will the Minister release the evaluation. If he will not, why not?

**Answer:**

The Evaluation was undertaken to assess the approach adopted to increase Indigenous employment opportunities by the AES in Moree, Tamworth and Dubbo under STEP contract arrangements (in place since 2001). The Evaluation also considered the transferability of the AES approach to other regional towns which have a significant Indigenous population and a poor history of Indigenous employment.

The Minister received the Evaluation of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy in December 2004. The Minister has no plans to release the Evaluation. It was taken into account in Budget considerations.