

**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 3: Increased Workforce Participation

Output Group 3.2: Labour Market Strategies

Outputs 3.2.3: CDEP Management

Question Number: W071-06

Question:

Senator Crossin provided in writing:

At the consultations on the discussion paper, it was said that even banks are looking favourably at setting up branches in communities, and this could create jobs. Could you please provide which banks and which communities because it seems, that contrary to this banks continue to get rid of staff and small branches in these areas.

Answer:

General interest has been expressed by some banks in providing financial services for Indigenous Australians. The department cannot provide any comment on particular banks or regions.