

**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 3.1: Working Age Policy

Outputs 3.1.1: Working Age Policy and Legislation

Question Number: W072-06

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Senator Crossin provided in writing:

What plans and funds do DEWR have for Thamarrurr Region in the NT (the FACS lead COAG trial) for 2005-06?

Answer:

DEWR plans to continue working in partnership with the Thamarrurr, the Department of Family and Community Services as lead Australian Government agency and other Australian and Northern Territory government agencies to progress joined up work in Wadeye. A highlight of work for 2005-06 will be progressing the Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the COAG partners in Wadeye. For its part, DEWR will be supporting the MOU with the following contributions:

Item	Funding Program	Amount
Training Committee Members	CDEP	\$28,000
Office Supplies	CDEP	\$3,000
Administration Assistant	CDEP	\$25,000
Employment and Training Manager	STEP	\$96,000
Assist Manager	STEP	\$40,000
TOTAL		\$192,000

Other planned funding to be provided by DEWR in 05/06

Item	Funding Program	Amount
12 Construction Apprenticeships	STEP	\$143,400
2 Business Administration Traineeships	STEP	\$25,000
CDEP Capital & Operational	CDEP	\$820,897
CDEP Wages	CDEP	\$2,798,380
TOTAL		\$3,787,277

Of the total CDEP funding around 40% was negotiated to cover aspects of the Employment and Training Plan which represents an increase in funding of over \$1m.

Of the funding provided to support the MOU \$124,000, (Training Committee Members \$28,000 and E & T Manager \$96,000), will be provided before 30 June 2005 to support the Employment and Training Plan for 2005-06. The balance to be called on throughout 2005-06.

In addition regular Work for the Dole and STEP commitments will be maintained in 2005-06.

In line with the new direction of the CDEP, DEWR will be working with Thamarrurr Regional Council to maximise employment and business opportunities for Indigenous people. This is in line with their community vision of 'Local Jobs for Local people' and 'Give every kid a chance'.