

**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: W085-06

Question:

Senator Crossin provided in writing:

Further, in the Discussion paper you talk about SRA's operating at community or even family level. Surely, while potentially a more flexible arrangement, this leaves the door open to a much larger number of "agreements" being funded. At present CDEP funding goes out to an organisation under a letter of offer, and is administered and monitored by ICC staff as one grant. If numerous SRA's are signed, who will negotiate each? Will each get a letter of offer and terms and conditions, with performance indicators? Will each be monitored? If so by whom as this will create a much higher workload and will DEWR recruit additional staff for the ICCs? If each is not monitored how will accountability and outcomes be assessed?

Answer:

SRAs are not funding agreements and as such do not specify funding commitments, letters of offer for funding are therefore not applicable.

The Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination (OIPC) is responsible for the negotiation, execution and ongoing performance monitoring of SRAs. SRAs are generally brokered by an ICC Manager in conjunction with Indigenous communities, appropriate Australian and State, Territory or Local Government agencies and other key stakeholders such as business or philanthropic sector representatives.