

**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 & Legislation

Question Number: W096-06

Question:

Senator Carr provided in writing:

Does DEWR have primary carriage for developing the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy? How much is this process expected to cost the Department? What will the processes be for consulting other Commonwealth agencies, State and Territory governments and Indigenous people and organisations in the development of this strategy?

Answer:

The DEWR portfolio has the lead carriage for the development of the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy.

The process of developing the strategy is a part of the core policy functions of relevant agencies and is not expected to incur an additional cost to Budget.

DEWR has begun consulting with Commonwealth, State and Territory agencies and have discussed potential priorities with the National Indigenous Council.