

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

**2006-2007 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
29TH AND 30TH MAY 2006
EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.2: Labour market strategies

Output 3.2.3: CDEP management

Question Number: W032-07

Question:

Senator Crossin asked at *Hansard* page 46:

How many submissions did the department receive that suggested a youth rate?

Answer:

Seven written submissions specifically discussed youth rates and/or the need to remove incentives for young people to leave school prior to completing their education. In addition, the department is aware that there are 11 CDEP organisations already paying lower rates to people aged under 18 and seven organisations paying lower rates to people under 21.

Feedback during the consultation process was also received in face-to-face consultations. In these meetings, held in over 40 locations, many Indigenous people expressed support for improving incentives for CDEP to become a stepping stone to better opportunities, especially for young people. The introduction of a youth rate responds to these concerns.