

**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: W033-07

Question:

Senator Crossin asked at *Hansard* page 46:

How many submissions did the department receive that suggested a 12-month limit for people being on CDEP?

Answer:

Five submissions discussed issues around participants being able to stay on the CDEP programme indefinitely and four of these specifically stated that time limits should be considered as a way of dealing with this concern. In addition, the department is aware that there are several CDEP organisations which have already introduced time limits for their participants.

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 in areas with strong labour markets. The introduction of time limits in urban and regional centres responds to these concerns.