

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

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Cross portfolio**

**Question Number:** W109-07

**Question:** Senator Campbell asked in writing:

**Industry Grants** Could the department also provide a description on what basis each grant is approved and the eligibility criteria?

**Answer:**

The grant was approved to undertake a project under the Employment Innovation Fund (EIF). The EIF is a discretionary funding programme designed to provide seed funding to individuals or organisations to develop innovative approaches in Australia to resolve specific Australian labour market problems and open up employment opportunities.

Assessment of EIF project proposals are based on the following criteria:

- clearly defined objectives which are consistent with national strategic priorities for improving Australian labour market effectiveness.
- the degree of innovation;
- strong commitment from relevant stakeholders (eg local community groups, industry associations, interest groups);
- measurable outcomes and approaches that are either able to be implemented more broadly or provide a one off needed response to a local labour market issue; and
- good management practices (such as realistic project budgets and timelines, effective financial and evaluation strategies).