

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

**2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
2 and 3 NOVEMBER 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group: 3.1 Working Age Policy

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Question Number: W433-06

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Senator Wong asked at *Hansard* page 22:

In relation to the Shepparton trial, could the department provide information relating to CDEP, STEP and Job Network that support the statement that there has been a significant improvement in the number of Indigenous people who are getting jobs in the region?

Answer:

Since the commencement of the COAG Trial in Shepparton in late 2002, the number of Indigenous job seekers placed in employment in the Goulburn Valley Employment Service Area has increased significantly.

Table 1

Total placements by Employment Services Providers:

	Indigenous job seekers into employment	Indigenous placements as a % of total placements
2002	292	3.5%
2003	317	4.4%
2004	424	5.5%
2005 (to end Oct 2005)	426	7.1%

In addition the following table provides information in relation to Structured Training and Employment Project (STEP) commencements as well as the number of payments made to the CDEP for placements off of CDEP under the CDEP Placement Incentive (CDEPPI).

Table 2
STEP commencements and CDEPPI payments

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06*	TOTAL
STEP	14	28	24	5	71
CDEPPI	11	18	10	5	44
TOTAL	25	46	34	10	115

Note: *Financial year to the end of October 2005.