

**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 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.3: Indigenous employment services

Question Number: W440-06

Question:

Senator Crossin asked: The web says that a flexible package of funding is provided to all committed organisations – is this the signatories or Indigenous organisations? What are these funds for?

Answer:

Expenditure on the Corporate Leaders for Indigenous Employment Project is an element of Output 1.2.3 Indigenous Employment Programmes (IEP). Corporate Leader organisations, as with other organisations, may apply for funding for initiatives and activities by applying for Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP) or other assistance available from the department in accordance with the relevant Guidelines and application processes.

The purpose for which funds are granted vary across organisations to meet identified needs to increase Indigenous employment. Some typical examples are funding to help meet the costs of development and implementation of an Indigenous recruitment strategy, the establishment of an Indigenous project officer or Indigenous recruitment officer, employment costs, or post-placement support for Indigenous recruits.