

**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

Outputs 3.1.1: Working age policy legislation

Question Number: W446-06

Question:

Senator Crossin asked in writing:

Has the analysis on what jobs are in communities been completed (Hansard transcript EWRE 31 May page 39)? What regions or areas have you looked at since May? How many jobs are available for Indigenous people?

Answer:

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) contracts a range of employment service providers that know the job markets in communities. They will be aware of the needs and opportunities for both employers and job seekers. The recent reforms to CDEP have increased the linkages between CDEP and Job Network. Through these linkages, CDEP organisations and Job Network providers are working together to find jobs for CDEP participants.

As part of the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy announced by the Government on 9 November 2005, there will be a special focus on local jobs for local people. In this context, DEWR has been supplementing our Job Network contracting with some special arrangements. For example, in South Australia, DEWR solution brokers are collecting data on jobs and the skills required in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands. In the Northern Territory, DEWR entered into a contract with the Local Government Authority of the NT (LGANT) in June 2005 to identify current positions and potential opportunities for Indigenous employment. The Cape York Indigenous Employment Strategy is a joint Australian and Queensland Government project which was released on 9 November 2005. This strategy identifies an estimated 4,500 jobs in Cape York in which Indigenous people can seek to be employed. Over 1400 jobs are estimated to be created in Cape York in the medium term mainly in mining, tourism, cattle, forestry and timber industries.