

**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 3.2: Labour market strategies

Output: 3.2.3 CDEP Management

Question Number: W452-06

Question:

Senator Crossin asked in writing:

Now that Regional Councils no longer exist who in the ICCs is making decisions on the funding of CDEPs and what criteria are used in these decisions?

Answer:

DEWR assessed submissions for the 2005-06 financial year. Submissions were initially assessed by DEWR staff in ICCs with recommendations made to DEWR State/Territory Managers. State/Territory Managers then presented recommendations to the delegate in National Office to approve funding.

The criteria used in these decisions included:

- The organisations ability to meet the whole of government Joint Risk Assessment (organisation level);
- Any relevance to Shared Responsibility Agreements (SRA);
- Links to other programme/service funding;
- Suitability of activities proposed;
- Relationships with key stakeholders;
- Ability to work with Indigenous people;
- Past performance including utilisation of allocated participant places;
- Number of CDEP service providers in the vicinity;
- CDEP programme risk assessment;
- Appropriateness of the Target Employment Level (TEL)
- Funding – wages, management, activity;
- Ability to meet KPIs – employment stream, community stream and business stream;
- Capacity Building – governance, management;
- Past compliance with funding requirements; and
- The financial viability of the organisation.