

**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: W453-06

Question:

Senator Evans asked in writing:

Provide a brief description of the elements of the Cape York COAG Indigenous trial the Department is leading? What specific initiatives are being implemented?

Answer:

- a. The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations has handed the lead agency responsibilities for the Cape York COAG trial site to the Indigenous Coordination Centre. The Indigenous Coordination Centre has the responsibilities for providing a whole-of-government conduit between Australian Government services, Indigenous communities and other stakeholders in this site.
- b. The Department continues to support improved outcomes in this site through its staff located in the ICC and through the range of programmes and services provided to Indigenous clients in the area. The Department will particularly provide leadership on employment and economic development initiatives in the area. The Cape York Indigenous Employment Strategy is an example of the Department working in a joined up way with other Australian Government and Queensland Government agencies.