

**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: W482-06**

**Question:**

Senator Evans asked in writing:

The announcement prior to the election of the Independence Strategy was followed by an announcement of the new Development Strategy. Where is the planning up to with this?

**Answer:**

The Indigenous Economic Development Strategy plays a key role in achieving economic independence for Indigenous Australians.

The Indigenous Economic Development Strategy was jointly launched by The Hon Kevin Andrews MP, Senator the Hon Amanda Vanstone MP and Joseph Elu Chairman of Indigenous Business Australia on 9 November 2005.