

**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: W500-06**

**Question:**

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Can the Department explain why participants in the CDEP are ineligible for Advance Payment? Has consideration been given to allowing CDEP participants to access these allowances? Is the Department aware that CDEP customers are not eligible for half fare transport concession cards in NSW? Has the State Government been approached to remedy this situation?

**Answer:**

- a. CDEP participants work for CDEP wages, which is not an income support payment.
- b. Not applicable, see (a) above.
- c. Yes.
- d. No, CDEP is not an income support payment.