

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working age policy

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Question Number: W818-07

Question:

Senator Crossin asked in writing:

On our community visits we constantly get complaints that there is a distinct lack of support on the ground. For communities that have had RAEs lifted, what ongoing support does DEWR offer to keep them informed of alternative programs and funds to help with employment?

Answer:

DEWR undertakes post implementation visits and remains in regular contact with communities through Solution Brokers and Indigenous Coordination Centres. Contract Managers also contribute to this process by monitoring the effectiveness and utilisation of DEWR's programmes in all areas.

Before RAEs are removed, the Australian Government is ensuring that sufficient employment opportunities or appropriate participation alternatives are available and the community has been consulted. A range of support is available under the Australian Government's Indigenous Economic Development Strategy. Solution Brokers are able to tailor a package of assistance for each community, as well as keep them informed of other programmes that may be able to assist. Employment Service Providers are required to develop strategies to maximise the services they deliver.