

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 185

Topic: Promised consultations on the Community Development and Employment Projects (CDEP) program reforms.

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Senator Siewert asked:

Were Indigenous communities consulted on the policy reforms to Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) prior to implementation?

- a. If yes, during what period and at which locations were consultations undertaken with remote Indigenous stakeholders?

Answer:

Indigenous communities were consulted on the policy reforms to CDEP prior to implementation.

Following the release of a consultation paper on reforms to Indigenous Employment Services – CDEP and the Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) on 18 May 2008, public community consultations were held jointly with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) in May/June 2008. These consultations were held in urban, regional and remote locations. Submissions and comments on the paper were also invited.

A discussion paper on the proposed reforms, released 6 October 2008, initiated another round of public consultation held jointly with DEEWR during October/November 2008. The second round of community consultations were held in urban, regional and remote locations. Please see [Attachment A](#) for locations of public community consultations.

The final closing date for written submissions was 7 November 2008.

Discussion Paper Consultation Sessions

State/Territory	Urban Locations	Regional Locations	Remote Locations
NT	Darwin Alice Springs	Tennant Creek Katherine Nhulunbuy	Maningrida Wadeye Galiwinku Yuendumu Hermannsburg Borroloola Alpurrurulam
WA	Perth	Broome Kununurra Derby South Hedland Kalgoorlie Geraldton	Kalumburu Fitzroy Crossing
QLD	Brisbane Rockhampton Townsville Cairns	Roma Mt Isa	Woorabinda Palm Island Bamaga Mornington Island
SA	Adelaide	Port Augusta Ceduna	APY Lands East APY Lands West
NSW	Coffs Harbour Sydney Penrith Newcastle Wollongong Orange	Bourke Dubbo Tamworth Wagga	
VIC	Melbourne Morwell Bendigo Albury		Warburton
TAS	Hobart		
ACT	Canberra		