

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30, 31 MAY and 3 JUNE 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 and Legislation

Question Number: W116-06

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Senator Carr provided in writing:

In response to a question on notice about the Take It or Leave It report in February (W265_05), DEWR advised that the report does not represent the views of the Shepparton Indigenous community. Did the Department ask anyone other than the ACFG chairperson about the veracity of the report's findings on the views of the Indigenous community? If not, please explain why not, given that the Facilitation Committee model itself was criticised in the report?

Answer:

DEWR consulted members of the ACFG at a facilitation meeting. This included representatives from a wide range of Indigenous interests, as well as representatives of Australian, State and local government agencies and the private sector.