

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

**2005-2006 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

Outputs 3.1.1: Working Age Policy and Legislation

Question Number: W117-06

Question:

Senator Carr provided in writing:

Please outline the steps taken by DEWR in establishing this trial to ensure that existing successful programs were incorporated and that the lessons learnt from those programs were taken into account.

Answer:

Australian Government agencies forums were conducted to share information on the delivery of services to Indigenous clients. Consultations were also undertaken with local and State Government for this purpose. DEWR consulted with existing contracted service providers which included Job Network members and with Centrelink to outline the goals of the COAG trial.

The “Ladders to Success” STEP project was created at this time to enhance Indigenous employment opportunities at the COAG trial site.