SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING 2ND NOVEMBER 2006 EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcomes:

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.2: Labour market strategies

Output 3.2.3: CDEP management

Question Number: W1043-07

Question:

Senator Evans asked in writing: Delivery of CDEP in the Pukatja Community

(a) Please confirm that Pukatja Community Council's CDEP contract has been transferred to Anangu Pitjantjatjara Services (AP Services) based in Alice Springs and on what date

(i) Was the decision made?

(ii) Was the Pukatja Community Council advised of this decision?

(iii) Was the funding transferred and did the new arrangements begin?

(b) What was the reason for the decision?

Answer:

(a) No, there has been no transfer of CDEP funding from Pukatja Community Inc to AP Services. Pukatja Community Council has not had a CDEP funding agreement in place since 2004-05. In 2005-06, CDEP was managed/ delivered in the Pukatja community by Ninti Corporate Services. With respect to 2006-07, discussions regarding CDEP and other programme funding were had with the Chairperson of Pukatja Community Inc (throughout May to July 2006), however, funding decisions could not be taken as the Chairperson rejected the joint Commonwealth and State Government proposal of a Town Clerk/Agency Coordinator being employed to manage programme funds deemed necessary to minimise the risk exposure of funding agencies. DEWR has continued in 2006-07 to fund the Anilalya Homelands CDEP which provides work activities for participants from in and around Ernabella, including Pukatja community members.

(i) Not applicable.

(ii) The Chairperson of Pukatja Community Inc was advised in writing on27 July 2006 of 2006-07 funding position via a joint letter from DEWR and theDepartment of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.(iii) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.