

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
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**2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings**

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**Question No:** 220

**Topic:** Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP)

**Hansard Page:** Written

**Senator Payne** asked:

Please provide information about the streaming process between the work ready and the community development streams and where the caseloads lie (including by percentage) between the two streams?

**Answer:**

Whether a participant is in the Work Readiness Stream or the Community Development stream of the CDEP program is determined between the Jobs Services Australia Provider, the CDEP provider and the participant depending on the participant's individual circumstances. Participants can move between the two streams or be in both streams concurrently such as when they are participating in training in the Work Readiness Stream plus participating in a Community Development activity. As CDEP is only available in remote Australia where there are limited labour markets, opportunities are targeted to respond to local conditions and participation in the Community Development Stream often has the larger caseload. As at 5 June 2011, 33.4 per cent of CDEP participants were active in the Work Readiness Stream and 66.6 per cent were active in the Community Development Stream.