Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2011-12 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) training and Employment.

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Senator Payne: asked:

Please provide a list of the sorts of activities being provided in the Community Development stream?

Answer:

The Community Development stream of CDEP provides opportunities for participants to engage in activities which are designed to ensure community work build skills through practical experience, meet community and individual needs and link to community priorities, identified in community plans. CDEP Development and Support Funds also assist CDEP providers to play an active role in helping to build the capacity of local communities, families and individuals.

There are hundreds of CDEP activities currently being provided in which participants engage, these include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Participation in activities within areas of basic pre-vocational training such as
 parenting, lifestyle, education, environmental health and general living skills such as
 budgeting and healthy living.
- Community Maintenance and support through CDEP Development and Support funds to employ community development officers, mentors and providing a community support function.
- More targeted training such as Literacy and Numeracy, Driver Training and White Cards.