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

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Senator Boyce asked:

What remedies are you considering in regard to the questions raised about ADE's in that they do not provide inclusion, meaningful employment or fair wages?

Answer:

ADEs provide a variety of inclusive and meaningful employment environments for supported employees with fair wages.

In May 2012, the Government released its vision for supported employment *Inclusive Employment 2012 – 2022 – 'A Vision for Supported Employment.* As part of the 2010 consultations for the Vision, feedback from approximately 400 people with disability included a high degree of support for ADEs.

The Vision aims to ensure people with disability control the assistance they get to support them in employment, and have real options and more choices about their future working lives. The Vision can be found at http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/our-responsibilities/disability-and-carers/publications-articles/policy-research/inclusive-employment-2012-2022-a-vision-for-supported-employment