

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

**Outcome Number:** 7

**Question No:** 195

**Topic:** Community Development Employment Project

**Hansard Page:** 21/10/2011 CA8

**Senator** Siewert asked:

How is the planning going for the phasing out of CDEP?

**Answer:**

On 29 June 2011 the Government announced consultations regarding the future of Remote Participation and Employment Services arrangements including the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program, Job Services Australia (JSA), Disability Employment Services and the Indigenous Employment Program.

A discussion paper, The Future of Remote Participation and Employment Services, was developed and distributed prior to the consultations being held and formed the basis of those consultations.

In addition, the Government has agreed to a 12 month extension of existing CDEP funding agreements until 30 June 2013.

This is to provide stability to CDEP participants and certainty to providers while consultations are undertaken and the new service requirements developed.

The feedback and written submissions in response to the discussion paper and consultations will form the basis for the Government's consideration of the future of Remote Participation Employment Services.