

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 3 - Employment

DEEWR Question No. CA0022_13

Senator Scullion provided in writing.

Question

Western Desert Resources

What is the situation with Western Desert Resources' IEP application? Was it rejected? If so, why?

Answer

DEEWR never received an application for Indigenous Employment Program funding from Western Desert Resources.

The DEEWR Northern Territory State Office did hold initial meetings with Western Desert Resources and its affiliates to discuss a proposed iron ore project in the Roper River region.

Following those meetings Western Desert Resources advised DEEWR it is intending to seek funding for the project from the Northern Territory Government.