

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2005-2006 ADDITIONAL SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased workforce participation

Output Group 3.1: Working Age Policy

Output 3.1.2: Research and Evaluation

Question Number: W681-06

Senator Wong asked in writing:

I understand that evaluations of PSP have been carried out over the last couple of contracts, but do not seem to have been released. Can these evaluations be released?

Answer:

There has been one evaluation of PSP, commissioned by FACS as part of the Australians Working Together (AWT) Evaluation. Responsibility for this project transferred to DEWR with the Machinery of Government changes, and the report prepared by ORIMA Research, was publicly released on 22 February 2006. The report is available on the Workplace website at:

<http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Category/Publications/ProgrammeEvaluation/AustraliansWorkingTogether-TheConsultantsReportsFebruary2006.htm>

Findings from the consultant's report were included in the overall evaluation report of AWT produced by the department. The AWT report was publicly released on 9 November 2005 and is available on the Workplace website at:

<http://www.workplace.gov.au/workplace/Category/Publications/ProgrammeEvaluation/AustraliansWorkingTogether-ReportNovember2005.htm>