

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30 ,31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 3: Increased Workforce Participation

Output Group 3.2: Labour Market Strategies

Outputs 3.2.3: CDEP Management

Question Number: W084-06

Question:

Senator Crossin provided in writing:

Have you any plans to encourage young people to stay in education rather than leave school to go on CDEP, or could CDEP be made sufficiently flexible to take young people but provide a VET-In-School type situation?

Answer:

The Government does not believe it is desirable that young people are encouraged to leave school to participate in CDEP, but it would not want to stop CDEP being used as a stepping stone between school and work in some communities for some young people. As part of the negotiation of contracts for 2005-06, CDEP organisations will be asked to ensure that 15 to 17 year old participants complete accredited training to improve their employability.