

**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

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Question:

Senator Carr provided in writing:

Minister Andrews also put out on Budget night a media release and fact sheet on an “Indigenous Economic Independence Strategy”. Is this a subset of the Economic Development Strategy? If not, why has it not been separately identified in the Budget Papers?

Answer:

As announced by the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon Minister Kevin Andrews MP, in his 2005 Budget Media Release “The Indigenous Economic Development Strategy set forward a platform for advancing levels of Indigenous participation in the labour force through employment, self-employment, and business development, and looks at the way Indigenous assets, including land and home ownership, can best be utilised.”

The Indigenous Economic Independent Strategy is underpinned by the Indigenous Economic Development Strategy which provides greater access to a range of services and programmes including business support and mainstream programmes to realise Indigenous participation in the labour force and maximise the use of Indigenous assets.