

**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: W125-06

Question:

Senator Carr provided in writing:

Please provide a comparison of participant on-costs associated with CDEP and Work for the Dole.

Answer:

CDEP

The 2004-05 CDEP Oncost rates (for a 12 month period) were as follows:

- Remote Participants \$3360 per participant
- Non-Remote Participants \$3250 per participant

A new funding model has been introduced for CDEP in 2005-06 involving individually negotiated management and activity fees. The activity fee covers items necessary to run activities for participants.

Work for the Dole

Whilst there are no comparable "on costs" associated with Work for the Dole, activities are funded (excluding wages as participants remain on income benefits) over a 26 week period at an average Work Experience Funding cost of \$1650 per place in the Metropolitan area, \$1800 in Regional areas and \$2,100 in Remote areas.

Community Work Coordinators receive an Administration fee of \$300 per contracted WfD place and a tendered Management fee per WfD place of approximately \$852 per place.