

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

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Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

Indigenous Opportunities Policy costs

Do you have an estimate of the cost to businesses of complying with the IOP?

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations does not have an estimate of the cost to business of complying with the Indigenous Opportunities Policy (IOP).

The Department conducted extensive consultations with a range of organisations, including suppliers to Government, prior to full implementation of the IOP and was very conscious of the need to minimize costs to business.

The Department has committed to a review of the IOP twelve to eighteen months after full implementation of the Policy. The views of business about the operation of the IOP will be considered in this review.