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5 EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION REFERENCES COMMITTEE—REFERENCES

Senator George Campbell, pursuant to notice of motion not objected to as a formal motion, moved business of the Senate notice of motion no. 2—That the following matter be referred to the Employment, Workplace Relations and Education References Committee for inquiry and report by 25 November 2004:

Impediments to Indigenous employment and measures to improve vocational training and employment outcomes for Indigenous people, and, in particular:

(a) the effect of the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme on the education and long-term employment outcomes of Indigenous people in rural, remote and urban areas;

(b) the appropriateness of the current framework for the funding and delivery of vocational education and training to meet the requirements of Indigenous communities and to prepare Indigenous people for employment, especially in rural and remote settings;

(c) the effectiveness of competency-based training models to deliver an appropriate level or mix of skills necessary for employment of Indigenous people, including the achievement of the necessary standards of literacy and numeracy;

(d) the effectiveness of Commonwealth, state and territory-based initiatives to engage more Indigenous people in training and to encourage higher level skill acquisition in skilled trades and professions, including health and teaching; and

(e) models for engaging industry and Indigenous communities in partnerships to develop long-term employment opportunities for Indigenous people—in infrastructure development through to the arts—and the limitations and opportunities these confer.