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Senator Payne asked:

Could you provide further information about the ANAO audit of the HOIL program which said that plans to use CDEP participants to provide training and employment opportunities were not implemented in the construction of those houses, effectively due to priority being given to construction the houses in a timely manner?

Answer:

Timing and climatic constraints restricted Community Development Employment Projects training and employment opportunities when the 45 new houses were constructed under the HOIL program. However, Indigenous Business Australia advised FaHCSIA that building contractors engaged Indigenous workers as employees for over 2000 hours during the Wadapuli and Nama project and offered ongoing employment to one Indigenous worker at the conclusion of the project.