

# **Community Affairs Committee**

**Examination of Budget Estimates 2008-2009**

**Additional Information Received**

**CONSOLIDATED VOLUME 7**

**CROSS PORTFOLIO INDIGENOUS ISSUES**

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE  
RELATIONS PORTFOLIO**

**HUMAN SERVICES PORTFOLIO**

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**12 JANUARY 2008**



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION OF BUDGET EXPENDITURE FOR 2008-2009

Included in this volume are answers to written and oral questions taken on notice and tabled papers relating to the supplementary budget estimates hearing on Indigenous matters pursuant to Senate Resolution of 26 August 2008 held on 24 October 2008

\* Please also note that the tabling date of 5 February 2009 is the proposed tabling date

### EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

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**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Outcome 1**

**DEEWR Question No. CA003\_09**

Senator Mason asked on 24 October CA Hansard page 56

**Question**

**Establishment of a minimum of 35 Integrated Children and Family Centres**

In relation to the initiative to set up over 6 years 34 early childhood education centres, as foreshadowed in the Prime Minister's Apology speech:

- How many sites for these 34 centres have been chosen so far?
- What are their locations?
- What is the timetable for choosing any of the 34 sites not chosen already?
- Has any construction work commenced yet?
- What is the timetable for construction of the centres?
- How many teachers have been already engaged to work at the centres?
- How many teachers have been already engaged to provide pre-literacy and pre-numeracy teaching at the centres?
- What is the timetable for employing all the staff, including teachers, not already engaged?
- How will educational outcomes at the centres be monitored?

**Answer**

Four locations for Children and Family Centres have already been identified.

The locations are Maningrida and Yuendumu in the Northern Territory, Halls Creek in Western Australia and Mt Isa in Queensland. The remainder of centres have been allocated on a jurisdictional basis as indicated in the following table:

<b>Centres</b>	<b>NSW</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>VIC</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>TAS</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>ACT</b>	<b>Total</b>
regional/remote	4	5	1	2	4	0	4	0	20
urban	5	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>35</b>

The actual locations of the remaining 31 centres have not been finalised as jurisdictions are still undertaking their planning and consultation processes.

Construction has not commenced. Not all Centres will involve construction; some may involve refurbishment, or the integration of services into existing facilities.

A timetable for construction work is not yet available, given that State and Territory governments are still finalising their own jurisdictional timetables.

As Centres are not yet operational, no staff have been engaged; this will be driven by the centre opening timetable.

The educational and health outcomes will be evaluated through a comprehensive national evaluation over the life of the National Partnership.

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### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 1

#### DEEWR Question No. CA004\_09

Senator Mason asked on Friday 24 October 2008, EEWL Hansard page 56.

#### Question

In February, the Prime Minister made his apology speech. He made the commitment that, over the next five years, every Indigenous four-year-old in remote communities will be enrolled in and attending a proper early childhood education centre or opportunity, and engaged in proper pre-literacy and pre-numeracy programs. I have asked some questions about this in the past, and it was fair enough that not much time had elapsed since that speech. I was just wondering whether you had anything to report, particularly in relation to facilities and, secondly, in relation to appropriate teachers. How are we going?

#### Answer

- COAG has asked the Productivity Agenda Working Group to develop early childhood education and care reform proposals.
- Indigenous children living in remote communities have been identified as a specific focus for universal access to early childhood education. As part of Closing the Gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) has agreed a target to ensure all indigenous four year olds in remote communities have access to early childhood education within five years.
- At its October meeting COAG signed off its first National Partnership (NP) covering Indigenous Early Childhood Development. This NP comprises of \$564 million of joint funding over six years to address the needs of Indigenous children in their early years. As part of the initiative, 35 children and family centres will be established in Indigenous communities across Australia to deliver integrated services that offer early learning, child care and family support programs.
- At its November 2008 meeting, COAG leaders signed the Early Childhood Education NP. This Agreement commits the Australian Government and all states and territory governments to achieving universal access to quality early childhood education by 2013.
- To support this goal, the Australian Government is providing under the NP, a further \$970 million over five years, starting with \$40 million in 2008–2009 and building to \$450 million in 2012–13. This funding is to support specific strategies and implementation plans in each state and territory to improve the accessibility, quality and hours of early childhood education, with improving access for eligible children in remote Indigenous communities, a key priority.
- COAG will hold a dedicated meeting in 2009 to agree to a national strategy for achieving its 'Closing the Gap' targets.

- In the 2007–08 Additional Estimates, \$10 million was appropriated for projects to enhance access to early childhood education for Indigenous children and children from low socioeconomic communities. More information about the projects is available at [www.office.mychild.gov.au/education/](http://www.office.mychild.gov.au/education/).
- The Government has committed to reducing by up to half the HECS-HELP debt of early childhood teachers who work in Indigenous communities, regional and remote areas and areas of high disadvantage.

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**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING  
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Outcome** 2 and 8

**DEEWR Question No. CA006\_09**

Senator Adams asked on 24 October 2008, EEWL Hansard page 59.

**Question**

*Accelerated literacy program*

“Senator ADAMS—Have they had to employ any extra teachers to carry out this program?”

Ms Smith—It would be my understanding they have, Senator.

Senator ADAMS—And they have been able to accommodate all the schools that are involved?”

Ms Smith—I am not sure that they have been able to recruit in every case that they have sought to, but I do not have precise numbers for you.

Senator ADAMS—Would you be able to take that on notice and let us know just where that program is?”

Ms Smith - Certainly.”

**Answer**

Northern Territory Education providers have advised that they are not specifically recruiting teachers for their Accelerated Literacy programs, at this time. They use Teachers of exemplary practice on a short-term basis to provide classroom coaching and mentoring.

The Accelerating Literacy measure of the Northern Territory Emergency Response is managed as an integrated package with the Quality Teaching Package in partnership with the Northern Territory education providers.

The Northern Territory Department of Education and Training has established three specialist teams to work with 35 targeted remote schools. Two ‘Remote Schools Improvement Strategy teams’ are based in Darwin and a ‘Strengthening Classroom Practices Project team’ is based in Alice Springs.

Northern Territory Catholic Education Office has established their ‘Practitioners in Residence’ team and is targeting ten non-government remote schools.



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**Outcome** 2 and 8

**DEEWR Question No. CA001\_09 and CA002\_09**

Senator Mason provided in writing.

**Question 001**

*Northern Territory Emergency Response – educational outcomes*

In relation to the Northern Territory Emergency Response, in the 12 months since the beginning of the initiative what educational outcomes have been achieved by the Indigenous school-age children ?

**Question 002**

*(In relation to the Northern Territory Emergency Response, in the 12 months since the beginning of the initiative what educational outcomes have been achieved by the Indigenous school-age children ?)*

How do these outcomes compare to outcomes achieved in the 12 months before the Emergency Response ?

**Answer**

Results from the 2008 National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will provide common information about student performance to parents and teachers across Australia - including Indigenous students in the Northern Territory.

Changes in student achievement will be able to be monitored over subsequent years on this basis to show the impact of the Northern Territory Emergency Response and other school initiatives taken by the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments.

Due to changes to the national literacy and numeracy testing regimes in 2008, it is not possible to compare 2007 and 2008 educational outcomes on this basis.

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**Outcome** 2 and 8

**DEEWR Question No. CA005\_09**

Senator Mason asked on 24 October 2008, EEWHR Hansard page 58.

**Question**

"Senator MASON—I understand what you are saying, because you are getting people who have not been involved in the past coming through. That is fair enough and I understand that. But the question I asked was:

has attendance been increasing?

Mr Harvey—I understand that attendance has been increasing. I do not have the exact figures.

Senator MASON—You have not got the figures. All right.

Ms Smith—We will need to take that on notice."

**Answer**

School Enrolment and Attendance in Northern Territory Schools

The Northern Territory Government publishes data on school enrolment and attendance for every government school in the Northern Territory. Latest available figures are shown in Tables 1 and 2 below.

**Table 1: Enrolments (Government Schools) 2007-2008**

Geolocation	2007		2008		Change	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Provincial	3 117	13 571	3 211	13 593	94	22
Remote	2 860	3 691	2 915	3 563	55	-128
Very Remote	8 208	1 281	8 241	1 249	33	-32
Total	14 185	18 543	14 367	18 405	182	-138

**Table 2: Attendance (Government Schools) 2007-2008**

Geolocation	2007		2008		Change	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Provincial	79.8%	89.6%	79.9%	89.3%	0.2	-0.3
Remote	78.9%	91.4%	78.3%	91.1%	-0.6	-0.3
Very Remote	63.5%	89.3%	58.9%	88.4%	-4.6	-0.9

Source: [www.det.nt.gov.au/education/enrolment\\_attendance/index.shtml](http://www.det.nt.gov.au/education/enrolment_attendance/index.shtml)

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**Outcome**           7

**DEEWR Question No. CA007\_09**

Senator Boyce asked on 24 October 2008, in Hansard on page 66.

**Question**

Does the department measure results for Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP) under the Indigenous Employment Program more than three months after completion? If so, what are the results?

**Answer**

The department collects available data on the outcomes of job seekers after their completion of a STEP Project. This data is available for jobseekers who were on unemployment benefits when they commenced in a STEP project. These outcomes are measured at 6 months, 12 months and 24 months after completion of the project and ascertain if the STEP participant has reduced or ceased their receipt of income support.

As at September 2008, 55.5% of STEP participants who were in receipt of unemployment benefits at the time of commencement in STEP were receiving no benefits, or had reduced their reliance on benefits, six months after their STEP project, and 55.1% after 12 months. At 24 months after completion, the proportion of such STEP participants not receiving benefits or on reduced benefits was 61.4%.

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**DEEWR Question No. CA008\_09**

Senator Adams asked on Friday 24 October 2008, DEEWR Hansard page CA66.

**Question**

Could you give me a breakdown of the actual job seekers who have been employed and whether this was in full-time, part-time or casual employment?

**Answer**

As at 14 November 2008, 201 job seekers in the Budda-Jitja program have been placed into employment, comprising 84 full-time placements, 33 part time placements and 84 placements recorded as casual employment.

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**Outcome**           7

**DEEWR Question No. CA009\_09**

Senator Adams asked on Friday 24 October 2008, DEWR Hansard page CA66.

**Question**

Whether you have feedback as to whether those who were successful in finding work are still currently employed?

**Answer**

As at 14 November 2008, 76 job seekers had been placed into jobs that commenced at least 13 weeks previously. Of these, 28 job seekers were employed for at least 13 weeks.

# Senate Community Affairs Standing Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 24 OCTOBER 2008

## Human Services Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Centrelink

**Outcome/Output Group:** Outcome 1/Output 1.1

**Topic:** Centrelink Staff Numbers

**Senator:** Siewert

**Question reference number:** CA1

**Type of question:** Hansard, CA 37

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 12 December 2008

### Question:

**CA1: Senator SIEWERT**—How many staff will be based in Western Australia, in particular in the Kimberley?

**Mr Tidswell**—We have about 424 staff across what we call Area North Australia, which is the Northern Territory and the Kimberley area. I would have to take that question on notice to give you the breakdown of staff in the Kimberley versus the rest of what we call Area North Australia. Administratively we deal with the Kimberley from Darwin, which is an easy place for us to get staff in and out and to connect with.

### Answer:

**CA1:** As at 30 September 2008, Centrelink had 53 employees based in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

This number includes employees who will work across various locations in the Kimberley as part of a Remote Visiting Team.

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**Human Services Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Centrelink

**Outcome/Output Group:** Outcome 1/Output 1.1

**Topic:** Number of income management customers per month. Breakdown by Indigenous identifier as at 31 October 2008.

**Senator:** Adams

**Question reference number:** CA2

**Type of question:** Hansard CA 39–40

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 12 December 2008

**Question:**

**CA2: Senator ADAMS**—Thank you; that is good. Currently, a number of Indigenous people are being income managed. Can you give me that figure?

**Mr Tidswell**—Yes.

**Senator ADAMS**—What is the figure at the moment?

**Mr Tidswell**—As we speak, 15,553 customers are being income-managed.

**Senator ADAMS**—Thank you.

**CHAIR**—Are they all Indigenous, Mr Tidswell?

**Senator ADAMS**—I asked specifically about Indigenous people.

**CHAIR**—What was the answer?

**Mr Tidswell**—Customers.

**CHAIR**—So the answer was not on Indigenous customers?

**Mr Tidswell**—I do not think I have a breakdown for non-Indigenous persons.

**Senator ADAMS**—Is that the overall figure?

**Mr Tidswell**—Yes.

**Senator ADAMS**—Is that for the financial year ending 30 June 2008? How many more have you had in the past three months?

**Mr Tidswell**—I would have to take that question on notice. I am giving you figures up until 10 October. I do not have a breakdown of those figures month by month.

**Answer:**

**CA2:**

**Customers Income Managed in the Northern Territory (monthly point in time).**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Total current IM</b>
<b>Nov-07</b>	1,744
<b>Dec-07</b>	3,667
<b>Jan-08</b>	5,805
<b>Feb-08</b>	6,543
<b>Mar-08</b>	7,183
<b>Apr-08</b>	9,128
<b>May-08</b>	12,414
<b>Jun-08</b>	13,305
<b>Jul-08</b>	15,163
<b>Aug-08</b>	15,703
<b>Sep-08</b>	15,609
<b>Oct-08</b>	15,675

As at 31 October 2008, there is a total of 15,675 current income managed customers. Of these;

- 15,487 identify themselves as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
- 124 identify themselves as non-Indigenous; and
- 64 have chosen not to answer.

It should be noted that it is not compulsory for customers to respond to Centrelink's request for information about their family background, and Centrelink is not required to verify if their self identification is accurate.

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### Human Services Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Centrelink

**Outcome/Output Group:** Outcome 1/Output 1.1

**Topic:** Community Development Employment Projects program

**Senator:** Scullion

**Question reference number:** CA3

**Type of question:** Hansard CA37

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 12 December 2008

#### Question:

**CA3: Senator SCULLION**—I acknowledge that, Minister, but there are only a few problem children in that area. I refer, briefly, to a number of matters that come back to Centrelink, in particular, the area of breaching. I am not confused about this issue but people talk to me about it. For example, recently when I was in a Western Desert community I was speaking to the individual who ran the CDEP program. I was there early but only a few people turned up, the longest for 10 minutes, and then they went home.

He was a bit frustrated about it but he said, 'This is the normal process.' I am not making a commentary about those issues but I said, 'What do you do now?' He said, 'I ring the boss.' I asked, 'What happens then?' He said, 'They get breached and then obviously they would go off the CDEP program because they have not complied. They would then be put on another program and that would then be quarantined.' Advanced skills and a whole range of issues were a clear benefit of the community development and employment program.

Are you able to provide me with any numbers, program by program, where you have been informed by various departments that are responsible for running these programs whether there is any breaching or leverage? Can you take my question on notice and give me a run-down, department by department, of how many breaches have occurred and, generally, what the circumstances were? I recognise that there are privacy issues and I do not wish to go there, but I think that would be useful. Would you be able to do that for me?

**Mr Tidswell**—We will take that question on notice, Senator.

Answer:

**CA3:** Centrelink does not monitor a participant's compliance in the Community Development Employment Projects program (CDEP). It is a matter for the CDEP provider.

Where a CDEP participant is absent from, or does not participate in their activities without a good reason, they will not be paid for the period/s of non-attendance. This process is entirely managed by the CDEP provider. According to policy from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, where a CDEP participant is absent from an activity or project for more than two consecutive weeks for reasons other than approved paid leave, the provider will exit them from that CDEP program.

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**Human Services Portfolio**

**Department/Agency:** Centrelink  
**Outcome/Output Group:** Outcome 1/Output 1.1  
**Topic:** Centrelink Staff Numbers

**Senator:** Siewert  
**Question reference number:** CA4  
**Type of question:** Hansard, CA 42  
**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 12 December 2008

**Question:**

**CA4: Senator SIEWERT**—I refer to an issue touched on earlier by Senator Adams, that is, how many Indigenous staff are employed by Centrelink in the new Northern Australian office?

**Mr Tidswell**—Senator, I do not think I have the figures across Northern Australia, but I can give you a bit of a sense. About 170 staff are working in the field across the Northern Territory on NTER measures, and about 22 identify themselves as Indigenous staff members. On my calculations that is just under 13 per cent.

We also have our Indigenous call centres which operate out of Port Macquarie, Cairns, Palmerston, Darwin and Bunbury and, by and large, we have another 130 Indigenous staff. They are not all handling NTER related work but they are available to take calls relating to income management and to other factors. We would have to take that question on notice to give you the exact breakdown of staff across Northern Australia

**Answer:**

**CA4:** As at 30 September 2008, there were a total of 246 employees who identified as Indigenous across these areas. Specifically:

- In the Northern Territory and the Kimberley (referred to within Centrelink as Area North Australia), 114 employees identified as Indigenous, 22 per cent of total employees in that Area;
- in Area Central and Northern Queensland, 110 employees identified as Indigenous, 15.7 per cent of total employees in that Area; and
- of the 170 employees delivering Northern Territory Emergency Response measures in the field, 22 (or 12.8 per cent) identified as Indigenous.

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### Human Services Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Centrelink

**Outcome/Output Group:** Outcome 1/Output 1.1

**Topic:** Implementation of Child Protection and Voluntary Income Management initiatives in Western Australia.

**Senator:** Siewert

**Question reference number:** CA5

**Type of question:** Hansard, CA 43

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 12 December 2008

#### Question

**CA5:** What additional resources from Centrelink are specifically going into Cannington?

#### Answer:

**CA5:** The following positions have been filled in Cannington specifically to support the Child Protection and Voluntary Income Management initiative:

- a Project Manager (50 per cent of a full-time workload);
- an Income Management Contact Officer (full time);
- two Customer Service Advisers (full time); and
- a Social Worker (70 per cent of a full-time workload).

An additional Customer Service Adviser is being recruited to commence in December 2008.

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Human Services Portfolio

**Department/Agency:** Centrelink

**Outcome/Output Group:** Outcome 1/Output 1.1

**Topic:** Implementation of Child Protection and Voluntary Income Management initiatives in Western Australia

**Senator:** Siewert

**Question reference number:** CA6

**Type of question:** Hansard CA 44

**Date set by the committee for the return of answer:** 12 December 2008

**Question:**

**CA6: Senator SIEWERT**—If it is appropriate could you take my next question on notice? With which organisations have you been consulting in the Cannington area and in the Kimberleys about this?

**Ms Beath**—We can take on notice which ones have attended our information sessions.

**Senator SIEWERT**—My question focuses particularly on Cannington but I presume that you have been undertaking similar consultation in relation to the Kimberley issue.

**Answer:**

**CA6: Attachment A** is a full list of community and Government organisations the Australian Government has consulted.

370 organisations were invited to attend seminars on the Child Protection and Voluntary Income Management initiatives in August and September 2008. The seminars were jointly delivered with the WA Department for Child Protection and the Commonwealth's Department for Families, Housing, Communities Services and Indigenous Affairs.

The seminars involved approximately 315 people and were held in the following locations: Cannington, Kununurra, Wyndham, Oombulgurri, Kalumburu, Warmun, Halls Creek, Balgo, Broome, Beagle Bay, Lombadina, One Arm Point, Bidyadanga, Loomah, Fitzroy Crossing and Derby.

In addition, Centrelink staff also attended a number of meetings and forums to discuss Child Protection and Voluntary Income Management.

Centrelink has engaged with a number of merchants and Third Party Organisations to enable income managed customers to obtain goods and services with their Income Management funds. These merchants include Woolworths (and its associated outlets such as Big W and Woolworths/Caltex service stations), Coles (and its associated outlets such as Target and K-Mart), IGA food stores, utility providers, petrol stations, clothing stores, chemists, schools and community stores.

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## Attachment A Community Engagement Invitation List.

<b>CANNINGTON</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Aboriginal Health Council of WA	Gosnells Community Legal Centre
Adocare – Aboriginal Advocacy Program	Gowrie Community Services (WA) Incorporated
Alinta Gas	Indigenous Coordination Centre
Anglicare WA	Italian Australian Childcare Centre
Australian Security and Investment Commission	Jacaranda Community Centre
Autism Association of WA	Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre
Boogurlarri Community House Inc	National Seniors Australia
Carers WA	Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre
Centrecare Cannington	Patricia Giles Centre
Child Support Agency	Princess Margaret Hospital
City of Cockburn	Royal Perth Hospital
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Services	Real Estate Institute of Western Australia
Communicare Inc	RUAH Workright
Community Housing Coalition of WA	Ruka Tenancy
Coolaboaroo Housing	Salvation Army Perth Community Support
Corrective Services	Southcare Inc
Department of Consumer and Employment Protection	St Vincent de Paul
Department of Education & Training	Stirling Refuge
Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations	Sussex Street Community Legal Services
Department of Housing & Works	Synergy
Department of Indigenous Affairs	TAFE WA
Disability Services Commission	The Smith Family
Djoorminda Indigenous Family Program	Uniting Care West
Edge Employment	Victoria Park Youth Accommodation (Inc)
Education Department	WA NILS
Employment Direction	Welfare Rights Advocacy Service
Fremantle Community Legal Centre	Western Australian Council Of Social Services
Wanslea Family Services	Yowarling Up Project, Aboriginal Grandparent and Family Support Service
Western Australian Department for Consumer Protection	Youth Pathways providers
Women's Health Service	

## **EAST KIMBERLEY**

<b>BALGO COMMUNITY</b>	<b>HALLS CREEK</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Balgo Community Members - 5	Aboriginal Legal Service
Balgo Community CEO	Catholic Church
Balgo Community Chairperson	Halls Creek CDEP

Balgo Community Store	Halls Creek District High School
Balgo School	Halls Creek Sobering Up Shelter
Billiluna CEO	Housing & Works
Billiluna Community	Jungarni-Jutiya Alcohol Action Council Aboriginal Corporation
Billiluna Community Store	Mindibungu Aboriginal Corporation
Capacity Builder	Ngarinnga Ngurra Safe House
Kapululangu Women's Centre	Police
Kururrungku Store	Shire of Halls Creek
Outback Stores (Balgo Community Store)	Kimberley Tafe – Halls Creek
Palyalatju Maparnpa Health Committee	Taylor's Store
Western Australia Police	Yiyilli
Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation	Yura Yungi Aboriginal Health Service

<b>KUNUNURRA</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Aboriginal Legal Service	Kimberley Community Legal Services Inc
Department of Education	Kimberley Job Pathways
Kimberley Community Legal Service	Kimberley Mental Health District Services
Department of Indigenous Affairs	Kununurra District Primary & High Schools
DSR	Kununurra Waringarri Aboriginal Corporation
East Kimberley CDEP	Wunan Foundation
Indigenous Co-ordination Centre	

<b>KALUMBURU</b>	<b>WARMUN</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Kalumburu Aboriginal Corporation	Warmun Community (Turkey Creek) Inc
Kalumburu CEO	Warmun School
Kalumburu Chairperson	Western Australia Police
Kalumburu Community Members - 5	Warmun Community Chairperson

<b>OOMBULGURRI</b>	<b>WYNDHAM</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Country Health	Jardamu Women's Group Aboriginal Corporation
Country Health	Joorook Ngarni Aboriginal Corporation
Oombulgurri Association Inc	Ngowar-Aerwah Aboriginal Corporation
Oombulgurri Community Store	Western Australia Police
Oombulgurri Council	Wyndham Family Support Inc
Oombulgurri Community Members – 15	Wyndham Hospital

<b>WEST KIMBERLEY</b>	
<b>BROOME</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Broome CIRCLE - Family and Housing Support Service	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council

<b>WEST KIMBERLEY</b>	
<b>BROOME</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Centracare Kimberley	Kinway Anglicare WA
Department of Indigenous Affairs	Kullarri Indigenous Womens Aboriginal Corporation
Indigenous Co-Ordination Centre	Legal Aid WA
Milliya Rumurra Alcohol & Drug Rehabilitation Centre	Marnja Jarndu Women's Refuge Inc
Nirrumbuk Aboriginal Corporation	Western Australian Police

<b>DERBY</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Derby District High School	Ngunga Group Women's Aboriginal Corporation
Derby Hospital	Shire of Derby/West Kimberley
Indigenous Co-Ordination Centre	Skillshare
Looma Community Inc	Winun Ngari Aboriginal Corporation Looma

<b>LOMBADINA COMMUNITY</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Centrelink Agent	Lombadina CEO
Lombadina Chairperson	

<b>LOOMA COMMUNITY</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Looma Council Members - 8	Looma CEO
Family & Safety Project	Looma Community Store

<b>BIDYADANGA COMMUNITY</b>	<b>ONE ARM POINT COMMUNITY</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Bidyadanga CEO	One Arm Point Community Store
Bidyadanga Community	One Arm Point CEO
Bidyadanga Community Store	One Arm Point Chairperson
Bidyadanga Chairperson	One Arm Point Community Members - 3
Bidyadanga Community Members - 50	

**FITZROY CROSSING**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Aboriginal Legal Service	Koorabye Community
Shire of Derby/West Kimberley	Kurlku Community
Department of Housing & Works	Kurnangki Community
Bawoorrooga Community	Kurungal Council
Baylulu Community	Marninwarantikura Fitzroy Women's Refuge
Bidijul Community	Marra Worra Worra Association
Biridu Community	Mimbi Community
Bungardi Community	Mindi Rardi Community
Bunuba Inc	Mingalaka Community
Culture Health	Moongarie Community
Darlgunaya Community	Muludja Community
Disability Services	Ngalingkadji Community
Djugerari Community	Ngumpan Community
Fitzroy Crossing Hospital	Ngurtwarta Community
Galamunda Community	Nindillingarri Cultural Health Service
Galeru Gorge	Noonkanbah Community
Ganinyi Community	Purluwarla Community
Gillarong Community	Wangkatjunka Community
Jimbalakudunj Community	WA Police
Joy Springs Community	Women's Resource Centre
Junjuwa Community	Women's Shelter
Kadjina Community	Yakanara Community
Karnparmi Community	Yiyili Community
Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre (Aboriginal Corporation)	Centrelink Agent