Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO

2012-13 Budget Estimates Hearings

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Topic: CDEP

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Senator Siewert asked:

How many people in the Northern Territory have been transitioned off CDEP and onto income support payments since 1 July 2009? Provide data for each financial year and from 1 July 2011 to 31 December 2011.

Answer:

A total of 219 participants in the Northern Territory have transitioned off CDEP wages onto income support within the period 1 July 2009 to 31 December 2011.

On a financial year basis

<u>Period</u>	Partic	ipant Numbers
01/07/2009 to 30/06/2010	6	participants transitioned off CDEP wages onto Income Support
01/07/2010 to 30/06/2011	47	participants transitioned off CDEP wages onto Income Support
01/07/2011 to 31/12/2011	166	participants transitioned off CDEP wages onto Income Support

Under the Remote Jobs and Communities Program, 'grandfathering' arrangements for long-term unemployed CDEP participants who receive CDEP wages instead of income support payments will be extended for the first five-year period of the program.