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Senator Siewert asked:

Part of the new Remote Jobs and Communities Program is a continuation of waged employment for people currently 'grandfathered' on the old CDEP scheme. What will be the employment arrangements for these workers under the new scheme? Will their rate of pay, superannuation entitlements etc remain the same as currently?

Answer:

In the 2012-13 Budget, along with the announcement of the Remote Jobs and Communities Program, the Government also announced that CDEP wages for grandfathered participants will be extended for five years, ending on 30 June 2017.

Employment arrangements for people currently 'grandfathered' in the CDEP program will remain the same. Terms and conditions of these participants will continue to comply with all relevant legislation, awards and industrial instruments. In relation to superannuation, CDEP wages is exempt under the *Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992*.