

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Topic: Remote Jobs and Communities Program

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Senator Siewert asked:

How many people are currently working in the NT Jobs Program positions? Is there a guarantee that all these positions are filled by Indigenous people? What percentage of these positions are full time, part-time etc?

Answer:

If the Senator is referring to the jobs package under the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory initiative, implementation commenced on 1 July 2012.

The Northern Territory Shires Indigenous Workforce Package is a Northern Territory Government initiative. Reporting on the Shires Indigenous Workforce Package positions is therefore a matter for the Northern Territory Government.

To support the Shires Indigenous Workforce Package, the Australian Government has funded to create up to 30 Indigenous Employment and Workforce Mentor positions within the Shire councils. The purpose of these Mentor positions is to address the ongoing challenge of retaining Indigenous employees.