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Topic: Indigenous Land Corporation and the Remote Jobs and Communities Program

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Senator Scullion asked:

In response to question on notice 331 regarding the Merriman Shearing School it was indicated that the ILC was still working with DEEWR to sort out the details of the implementation of the RJCP. How are these negotiations progressing?

Noting that many of the Indigenous Land Corporation's training and employment programs in remote areas, or benefiting people from remote areas, were funded by the Indigenous Employment Program, what impact will the Remote Jobs and Communities Program have on these programs?

Answer:

The Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) is currently in discussions with the Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP) provider announced for the two remote regions in New South Wales, Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation, about partnership and funding opportunities for the Merriman Shearing School from 1 July 2013. The ILC has also submitted an Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) application to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) for funding for non-remote job seekers expected to attend the school in 2013-14 and 2014-15. The ILC is currently awaiting a response from DEEWR.

The introduction of the RJCP, and the cessation of IEP funding for remote job seekers, means the ILC needs to negotiate funding with individual RJCP providers for job seekers coming from any of the 60 identified remote regions.

The ILC has commenced discussions with relevant RJCP providers.