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DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND SCIENCE

TOPIC: Staffing arrangements

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1. How many people does the ONA employ?
2. How many / grade based in Darwin?
3. How many / grade based in Canberra?
4. How many / grade in Townsville?
5. Given 30 percent of Northern Australia's population is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, what percentage of staff employed by the NAIF is Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
6. What are they doing to boost this?

ANSWER

1. The Office of Northern Australia employs 17 people.
2. Seven of these employees are based in Darwin, with the following levels: SES Band 1; EL2; EL1; APS6; APS5; APS4; Indigenous Trainee.
3. Four of these employees are based in Canberra with the following levels: EL2; EL1; a/EL1 and a Graduate.
4. Three of these employees are based in Townsville with the following levels: EL1; APS6 and a/APS5.
5. One staff member has identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander which equates to six percent. There may also be other staff members in the Office of Northern Australia who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander however chose not to identify as such for reporting purposes.
6. The Office of Northern Australia employs an Indigenous Trainee on the Indigenous Traineeship Programme. This is a one year programme providing paid practical work experience and structured training to new entry level staff. The programme aims to increase the number of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people working in the department and in the public service more broadly. There is also an Indigenous trainee in the major projects approval agency (MPAA) in Darwin and this trainee rotates between the MPAA and ONA office.