

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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DEEWR Question No. **EW413_10**

Question

Indigenous Employment

Senator Payne provided in writing.

Can DEEWR provide information to the committee about how many participants in the AEC program have successfully completed training, how many have not successfully completed training, how many are currently in training programs, and how many are waiting to be placed in training programs?

Answer

The Australian Employment Covenant is not a training program. Rather it encourages and supports employers to employ Indigenous Australians.

As of 16 November 2009, the Department's systems show that 40 Indigenous job seekers participating in the Australian Employment Covenant have commenced training with the support of DEEWR programs. Eleven have successfully finished their training and 28 are still undertaking training. One job seeker has withdrawn before completing their training.

The Department is not aware of any Australian Employment Covenant Indigenous job seekers currently waiting to be placed into training through DEEWR programs.

Employers are able to arrange their own training of candidates for Australian Employment Covenant positions, which could include traineeships and school-based apprenticeships.