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Question

Thuringowa Enterprise Centre Inc

Senator Cash - So can you explain to me then, in relation to the Thuringowa Enterprise Centre Inc., why the project title is 'The creation of traineeships' but it is not creating any traineeships?

Mr Carters - We will have to take that on notice, because we do not have sufficient detail here.

Senator CASH - Yes, and I think that it is absolutely fantastic that they are creating three jobs, but they aredelivering traineeships. Should they not be held accountable for the creation of traineeships?

Ms Paul - We will take it on notice and get you the full story.

Answer

Senator Arbib - Senator Cash. There is some information that we thought might assist you.

Senator CASH - Thank you.

Mr Carters - I wanted to provide a little bit more information on the creation of traineeships project and the three jobs that it is creating.

The three jobs will enhance the communication, data and training infrastructure within the North Queensland Small Business Development Centre and the jobs that have been created will target young people to provide them with computer skills and business administration up to cert IV.

There are two parts to the project. The first is to provide super-high-speed internet services and the second part is to establish a multipurpose training facility. Those jobs are not traineeship jobs but they are providing the services and the infrastructure that will provide traineeships to young people.

Senator CASH - Can I get you to table whatever information you have there in relation to that particular project? Can you provide it to the committee?

Senator Arbib - It is on my computer.

Senator CASH - That is fine. We can thank you at a later date.

Senator Arbib - Sure.