

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

**Outcome/Agency**      **4**

**DEEWR Question No.**      **EW691\_10**

Senator Humphries asked on 21 October 2009, EEWHR Hansard page 138.

**Question**

How many jobs for Indigenous Australians have been created so far under Mr Andrew Forrest's Australian Employment Covenant? Where those jobs have been created and who the employers might be. Not necessarily every name of every employer, but a broad indication of what kinds of areas these people are finding employment in.

**Answer**

The Australian Employment Covenant is one of a broad range of strategies for closing the employment gap for Indigenous Australians. In addition to the large numbers of Indigenous job outcomes generated through Job Services Australia and through the Indigenous Employment Program, the Government also supports alternative methodologies. These include the Australian Employment Covenant and the Aboriginal Employment Strategy, Dare to Lead for Business and Former Origin Greats.

The Australian Employment Covenant is not a job creation program, rather it encourages and supports employers to employ Indigenous Australians.

As at the end of October 2009, the Australian Employment Covenant reported that they had achieved 490 job commencements for Indigenous Australians. The Department is aware of a number of pending placements by the Australian Employment Covenant but the Department has not received documentation for these positions and hence they have not been counted in this figure.

Details of the employers, numbers and locations of job commencements are as follows.

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Job commencements</b>	<b>Location of job commencements.</b>
Adidem Pty Ltd (trading as The Body Shop).	4	Sydney/Melbourne
ANZ	102	National
Bet Fair	1	Melbourne
Compass Group (Australia) Pty Ltd	69	Pilbara, WA and National
Competitive Foods Australia Pty Ltd	20	National
Crown Ltd	31	Melbourne
Downer EDI Mining	30	Pilbara, WA and Far North Queensland
Fortescue Metals Group	118	Pilbara, WA.
Indigenous Land Corporation	60	National

ISS Group Ltd	46	Pilbara, WA
Koorie Heritage Trust	4	Melbourne
La Ttouf Hairdressing	1	Melbourne
Nannup Family Trust trading as Indigenous WA	2	Perth
Off Shore Marine Services	1	Perth
Spotless Cleaning	1	Melbourne
<b>Total</b>	<b>490</b>	