

Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs

Public Hearing – 18 June 2021
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

Department of Social Services

Topic: Inquiry into Pathways and Participation Opportunities for Indigenous Australians in Employment and Business

Question reference number: IQ21-000052

Senator: Julian Leeser

Type of Question: Spoken. **Hansard Page/s:**

Date set by the Committee for the return of answer: 12 July 2021

Question:

Around 60 per cent of our workforce is at the APS 5 or 6 level. I have a breakdown by classification if you'd like that more broadly

Answer:

The breakdown of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff by classification as at 31 May 2021 is as follows:

Classification	Number
Graduate/Trainee/Cadet	1
APS 1	0
APS 2	0
APS 3	0
APS 4	37
APS 5	53
APS 6	27
EL 1	10
EL 2	7
Senior Executive Service (SES)	1
Total	136

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Question:

Could we get some more examples from agencies to help us highlight some of the work you are doing, so we can provide more colour in our report, which would be very helpful

Answer:

Over the last two financial years, the department has engaged Indigenous businesses to undertake contracts which specifically relate to Indigenous activities. Some examples of these include:

Supplier name	Description
33 Creative Pty Ltd	To develop creative advertising materials for Indigenous audiences for the "Domestic Violence Support Services Campaign".
33 Creative Pty Ltd	To develop, implement and evaluate the Indigenous communication and creative components for Phase Three of the National campaign to reduce violence against women and their children, "Stop it at the Start".
Blackfish Films Pty Ltd	To develop ten animation/motion graphic videos targeted at different carer cohorts including Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander carers, carers from CALD backgrounds, young carers and elderly carers.
Yalu Marnggithinyaraw Indigenous	Provision of Interpreter and administrative services to support Wave 13 interviews for the "Footprints in Time: The Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children".
Marcus Lee Design Pty Ltd	Design Indigenous imagery for use on the Disability Gateway.

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Question:

Information that says the number of Indigenous companies that you've got tenders with at the moment and that you had tenders with before the IPP started, the number of companies that have tendered with joint venture partners who've previously won tenders for your department and the number of new standalone businesses

Answer:

The department has identified three suppliers who are currently providing services under the Indigenous Procurement Policy (Policy) who were also providing services prior to the commencement of the Policy.

The department does not collect data on whether a supplier has tendered as part of a joint venture or on a standalone basis. Since 2015, the department has procured services through 49 unique Indigenous businesses.