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Inquiry into the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Community Development Program) Bill 2015 Public Hearing – Friday 19 February 2016 Questions Taken on Notice – Miwatj Employment and Participation Ltd

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Senator SIEWERT: On the actual discussion about the approaches, one versus the other: you have put those arguments to government?

Ms Weepers: Yes.

Senator SIEWERT: And the response has been, 'That's what you're getting with CDP'?

Ms Weepers: Well, that is one of the responses. That is the more recent kind of response, yes, and then other than that there is just kind of no response. But we have got a letter from the minister.

Senator SIEWERT: On what?

Ms Weepers: I am just trying to remember, but we have written to the minister and provided this proposal, put forward our arguments and invited a discussion, and we have certainly got a response to that.

Senator SIEWERT: Are you able to table the letter that you got back?

Ms Weepers: I cannot see why not.

Senator SIEWERT: That would be useful, if you could.

Ms Weepers: Maybe I should take that on notice and just check internally.

Senator SIEWERT: Yes, okay. Fair enough.

Answer:

Between 1st July and 31st December 2015, MEP placed 51 jobseekers into paid employment. 29 were part-time, 14 were full-time and 8 were for parenting (low hours) jobseekers. 7 were temporary (expected to last less than 6 months) and 44 were permanent (expected to last longer than 6 months).

Note that these are "Job Placements" (the commencement of a job) and does not take into account the attrition that occurs between Job Placement and the 13-Week and/or 26-Week outcomes.