

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 4 - Employment

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Question

IEP to assist Indigenous businesses

When we last met you indicated there had not been an uptake of offers at that stage on the IEP to assist Indigenous businesses in the through chain, particularly in the pastoral industry. I was concerned about the impact of the live export ban on Indigenous Australians. We were right in the middle of it then. Have there been any businesses since then seeking assistance through that mechanism? Ms Wood: I am not aware of any, but I would like to take it on notice to check that there have not been any. Senator SCULLION: Okay.

Answer

No Indigenous businesses have directly taken up the offer of Indigenous Employment Program assistance resulting from the temporary ban on live cattle exports in 2011 impacting on their businesses.