

Additional Estimates - Cross Portfolio Indigenous Matters - Questions on Notice

QoN No	Outcome	Broad Topic	Senator	Question	Hansard/ Ref
CA0031_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Indigenous Australian training in Mining sector - Connecting Aboriginal People to Mining Program	Edwards, Sean	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many people in South Australia have been involved with the Connecting Aboriginal People to Mining Program ("the Program")? 2. How much funding is being injected into the Program? 3. How many recipients are involved with training indigenous Australians? Has there positive feedback and or more partners wanting to be involved with the program supporting indigenous training? 4. Are more indigenous people being placed in jobs in the mining sector since the program commenced? 5. Are trainees guaranteed work in follow up to training program/ work placement? 6. Will the program continue to run in the future? 	Written
CA0032_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Vocational Training and Employment Centres	Payne, Marise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When did you brief the Minister about the status of the VTEC report? • What were the findings? • What work is now being done? • Will it be made public? 	Written
CA0033_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Effect of grants pause on IEP	Payne, Marise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you engaged with any stakeholders affected by the pause in IEP and other programs, from 27 August to 22 October 2012, to ensure their applications were not threatened by this pause? • Have the assessment criteria or amount of funding allocated changed since the pause was lifted? 	Written
CA0034_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	IEP funding	Payne, Marise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you please provide an update on the IEP, including the number of employment commencements and commitments? • Given the significant demand for this project, have you had to strike out applications due to a lack of funds? • Do you think this will occur during the financial year? • Given that there are 800 live IEP projects, some of which may end - do you have a breakdown of the number of projects that will no longer receive funding, the number that will receive funding for the first time and the expected changes in job outcomes? • Can you tell us how much money is currently applied to projects, and total spending to date in each state and territory? • Have you been shifting money away from certain projects or jurisdictions and towards those that have excess demand? • Do you have guidelines for how much you would expect to allocate by jurisdiction, or is the IEP a purely competitive program? 	Written

CA0035_13	Outcome 4 - Workplace Relations and Economic Strategy	IEP funding over the last few years	Payne, Marise	<p>Coles is certainly one organisation that has had considerable IEP funding over the last few years-I think around 10 contracts. We work with some of those big organisations in different ways: we may fund them directly or we might fund a provider that works with them on whatever their Indigenous employment strategy is-whether it is supporting them with pre-employment training or on-the-job training and mentoring, so a range of things. An organisation like Coles has had, since 2009 when the new IEP commenced, in excess of \$3 million in support from IEP, so we have done a number of projects with it. As I have said, we cannot guarantee that there is ongoing funding. We would like to see organisations-particularly larger businesses like Coles and Woolworths-really take the opportunity to use the IEP funding to develop the models and to actually test how models work in their context, in their sector or within their organisation, and then look at how they would embed that in their broader workforce strategy and build that into the normal way they go about their business in terms of recruitment, employing people and career development within the organisation. There is no guarantee of any ongoing funding for those kinds of organisations, and we do like to see them investing.."</p> <p>I refer to the answer given in Senate Estimates on Friday, 15 February 2013 from Ms Wood of FaCHSIA, to Senator Scullion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$3 million that was granted to Coles under the IEP. -How many projects were funded? -What was the nature of each of the projects? -How much did each project cost? -How many jobseekers were placed in jobs? -How much did each job placement cost? 	Written
CA0036_13	Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth	Closing the Gap - reading, writing and numeracy	Scullion, Nigel	<p>In relation to reading, writing and numeracy targets, with five years to go, which of these targets can we meet? Which are not possible to meet? What is being done and what plans are in place to accelerate progress for these areas that are below requirements?</p>	Written
CA0037_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Australian Employment Covenant	Scullion, Nigel	<p>What funding did DEEWR provide for the Australian Employment Covenant? How many of the 11,441 positions filled were full time, part time, permanent and casual respectively? How many of these individuals are still in that employment? Does DEEWR make any funding contribution to GenerationOne? If so, what are the details?</p>	Written
CA0038_13	Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth	Nyangatjatjara College	Scullion, Nigel	<p>Since the Nyangatjatjara college was established, how much Commonwealth funding, in real terms, has been paid to it?</p>	Written

CA0039_13	Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth	Northern Territory Hostels	Scullion, Nigel	<p>With the budget available, are you able to confirm that you will still build three hostels with a total of 152 beds?</p> <p>Does the figure of \$16 million for the Wadeye Hostel include operational expenses? Please provide estimates of the operational budget each year for the next 5 years.</p> <p>Can you confirm that the calculations for the budget for the three hostels did not originally include staff housing?</p> <p>A consultant (Greg Gibbs) was employed to undertake community consultation in regard to the Wadeye Hostel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the purpose of the consultancy? • What prompted the department to undertake the consultancy? • When did the consultancy commence? <p>Please provide a breakdown of the 'just over \$600,000' in costs referred to by DEEWR at Senate Estimates incurred on the proposed Garrthalala Hostel.</p> <p>Are the students boarding at the Wadeye hostel from Wadeye eligible for the same Abstudy allowances as students from other areas?</p> <p>Do differing levels of Abstudy support for students at Wadeye have any financial implications for the operational expenses of the hostel? Could you provide details of the financial impact?</p> <p>Three hostels were due to be completed by the end of 2010. Please explain why, as of February 2013 only one has been completed?</p>	Written
CA0040_13	Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth	Kormilda College	Scullion, Nigel	<p>Is it true that commitment to Kormilda College in Darwin is carrying a shortfall of \$500,000 a year since 2009?</p> <p>Has the school reduced the number of indigenous students enrolled in 2013 due to its financial circumstances?</p> <p>Provide a breakdown of Commonwealth funding for Kormilda each year since 2008.</p> <p>Is it true that because of its financial situation at the college they have terminated a number of staff? Is it also true that a union is taking action against Kormilda College because of this?</p>	Written
CA0041_13	Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth	NT Indigenous student NAPLAN results	Scullion, Nigel	<p>Is it true that a number of Northern Territory indigenous school students are performing worse now on some NAPLAN indicators than they were in 2008?</p> <p>Identify those NAPLAN indicators where indigenous performance has deteriorated between 2008 and 2013.</p> <p>Provide details of any plans that the Department has for reversing this disturbing trend.</p> <p>Provide NAPLAN results for each school in the Northern Territory for 2008 and for 2012.</p>	Written
CA0042_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Shalom College	Scullion, Nigel	<p>Can the Department provide details of the current situation at Shalom College in Townsville?</p>	Written
CA0043_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Australian Employment Covenant Placement	Scullion, Nigel	<p>At Senate Estimates DEEWR provided figures on Australian Employment Covenant Placements still employed at 26 weeks as at September. Can The Department provide the most recent figures?</p>	Written
CA0044_13	Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth	Nyangatjatjara College - boarding capacity and numbers	Scullion, Nigel	<p>What is the capacity of the boarding facility at Nyangatjatjara College?</p> <p>How many secondary school students from the College are residing at the boarding facility?</p>	Written

CA0045_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Southern Aboriginal Corporation IEP contracts	Smith, Dean	<p>[p.48] Senator SMITH: I have two sets of questions that are broadly related. These follow representations that I had from the Southern Aboriginal Corporation which is based in Albany in the south of Western Australia. I am keen to get an update on the moratorium on the new IEP contracts that was put in place in June 2012. Ms Taylor: I will get Ms Wood to give you the details of those. If I can explain about the IEP. At the moment, the situation with the IEP is an excellent situation in that the program has seen unprecedented demand over the last 12 months, and, at the moment, the commitments for the funding in IEP are nearly fully expended. However, as projects come on and off, there is more money freed up over the period of time. But, under the way in which the government operates with the FMA Act commitments, it is a staggered process as far as committing to further funding. That is a result of the demand for the program and the success of the high quality of applications that we have had for funding under this project. It is a fairly flexible funding pool, and there is a range of projects that have been funded in the past with excellent outcomes, and for the past financial year we have exceeded all of the outcomes in IEP. Regarding the actual detail on the program and, if we can, that particular applicant, we may have to take that on notice. Ms Wood can give some further detail. ... [p.50] Ms Taylor: Certainly. We will also provide some information both to you and them about other portfolio opportunities and some of the training fund through the department of innovation, particularly the National Workforce Development Fund, which may be available as well. We will provide that information, Senator. Senator SMITH: Excellent, thanks.</p>	CA 48 - 15/02/2013
CA0046_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Indigenous Employment Program priority list for future funding	Smith, Dean	<p>Senator SMITH: Do you have the priority list for future funding available? Ms Wood: No, I do not have that. Senator SMITH: Can you provide it to me on notice? Ms Wood: Yes. We will have to take it on notice. Senator SMITH: I would be keen to understand how many Western Australian projects are in the priority list. This issue goes to the Southern Aboriginal Corporation, who have made representations to me. They have had a very strong record of success, and, in their words, 245 sustainable jobs over the last three years, they have built a lot of trust with Indigenous communities and also with those seeking employment. Their concern is that that trust is now breaking down because they are experiencing some difficulty getting a proper line of sight in terms of what future funding opportunities might be available to them. ... I am very keen to make sure that the Southern Aboriginal Corporation gets an appropriate hearing from the department in terms of their particular projects, and I take a very keen interest in what that priority list will look like particularly for Western Australia.</p>	CA 49 - 15/02/2013
CA0047_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Brewarrina Shearing School IEP	Scullion, Nigel	<p>Senator SCULLION: Just as an observation, the shearing schools outcome is very different from the Woolies and Coles outcome. They do not get up in the morning and say, 'One day we will sell enough apples and chops to be able to make our training program bigger.' The organisation is a training program. In some ways you could argue that maybe they did not belong in the IEP in any event, but it works really well, it is Indigenous, and that is all it is going to do. The applicants are unlikely, in my view, ever to be able to, in an unsubsidised sense, get entry to survive the full cost of training. I would be interested, perhaps on notice, to have a look at those other programs. Perhaps you could list some of the other programs that may be available to them. I assume you are in constant conversation about their future. Ms Taylor: Certainly, we are happy to do that.</p>	CA 52 - 15/02/2013

CA0048_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Indigenous and non-Indigenous employment cycles	Siewert, Rachel	<p>Senator SIEWERT:...You gave in answer to some questions I asked previously around the figures of people cycling in and out of employment a figure against streams, which was really useful. Are you able to give me that against Indigenous and non-Indigenous criteria?</p> <p>Ms Taylor: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: I know you would.</p> <p>Ms Taylor: Yes, I think we can.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be really useful because the figures were quite telling in the number in streams 3 and 4 that have come back into the process. I would like to know if that is reflected for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as well.</p> <p>Ms Taylor: I will take that on notice.</p>	CA 53 - 15/02/2013
CA0049_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Transition to Remote Jobs and Community Program	Scullion, Nigel	<p>Senator SCULLION: Of the applicants, how many are still currently trading as employment services?</p> <p>Ms Taylor: I do not think we will be able to tell you that at this point of time.</p> <p>Senator SCULLION: Even in a general sense, are many still trading as that-just as an indicative response-or you could take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Taylor: I will take it on notice. It goes to identifying, perhaps, who has applied.</p> <p>Ms Milliken: I might add that current providers of existing programs-Job Services Australia, Disability Employment Services and CDP-whether or not they have applied to be Remote Jobs and Community Program providers and whether or not they are successful in that, would normally be expected to continue to provide the current programs until 30 June. For those who are not continuing, as for those who are successful, we will be working with them on the transition to RJCP.</p>	CA 54 - 15/02/2013
CA0050_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Employment outcomes for CDEP participants registered with JSA providers	Scullion, Nigel	<p>Senator SCULLION: As I understand it, there is a current rate of grandfathered participants. Are they choosing to move to wages because they have been grandfathered, or are they moving to income support? They are either staying in the CDEP system or they are saying, 'I am now moving to some other sort of an income support.'</p> <p>Ms Lindenmayer: We are seeing the number of grandfathered wage participants drop slightly, and over time there has been an increase of those on income support. We do not track them once they go off wages, but we assume there is a number that move to income support or employment.</p> <p>Senator SCULLION: It would just be useful, because we have statistics and parts of these numbers inform those statistics. It would be useful to know whether the grandfathered ones are actually getting a job or going to some income support. That would be useful now. If you could take that on notice, I am not sure if you can have a look at that and see if you can provide it, but it does not sound like you can.</p> <p>Ms Gumley: Unfortunately, we do not have the same level of post-program monitoring that the DEEWR programs have. We are not able to track CDEP participants once they move into employment or study. Perhaps there might be able to be some tracking done, because over 90 per cent of our job seekers are registered with Job Services Australia, so they might be picked up through that tracking arrangement. But for CDEP on its own, no.</p> <p>Ms Taylor: What we can take on notice to look at, as Ms Gumley said, is that the large proportion of people on CDEP, whether on wages or not, are registered with a JSA provider, so we might be able to give you some information. Clearly, if they are not registered with a JSA provider and have moved to employment then we will not be able to, but we might be able to give you some information about outcomes for groups that have moved off through a JSA process. So I will take that on notice, if you like.</p>	CA 55 -15/02/2013

CA0051_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	Australian Employment Covenant	Scullion, Nigel	<p>Ms Wood: The next question was around how positions were filled. Although we do not have a formal funding arrangement with the Australian Employment Covenant and there is no formal reporting, in September last year they gave us an informal update that they had filled 11,441 jobs out of the employer commitments. The question was: how many of those were filled as full time, part time, permanent and casual. We do not have that level of detail from the Australian Employment Covenant, so we are not able to assist with that. I am not aware that they have actually collected information to that level of detail.</p> <p>Senator SCULLION: We could probably do it ourselves, but it might be useful to find out if that is the case. If they are collecting themselves, they seem to be pretty cooperative. They may be doing that now; I am not sure. Would it be okay to find out on notice?</p> <p>Ms Taylor: We will take it on notice and have a conversation with them about that.</p>	CA 56 - 15/02/2013
CA0052_13	Outcome 3 - Employment	AEC employers funded separately through the IEP	Siewert, Rachel	<p>Ms Taylor: Exactly. But there are a number of covenant employers that we fund through IEP separately and we have the information about that as well.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you table that?</p> <p>Ms Taylor: Certainly.</p>	CA 57 - 15/02/2013