

Senate Community Affairs Committee
ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
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Question No: 329

Topic: Closing the Gap - Employment

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Senator Scullion asked:

What was the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous employment in 2006? And what was the gap in the most recent available data? What are the prospects of meeting this target within the 10 year timeframe?

Answer:

The target to halve the gap in employment between Indigenous and non-Indigenous persons was set in 2008.

The 2006 Census showed the gap in the mainstream employment rate was 29.2 percentage points.

Published data from the latest Census shows that the gap in mainstream employment decreased to 27.4 percentage points in 2011.