

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 3 – Employment

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Remote Jobs and Communities Program - RJCP

Will any of the 3000 participants in the new "Remote Youth Development and Leadership Corps" established under RJCP be paid actual wages or will they be kept on Centrelink? If these participants are currently on income management, will their participation in the Corps allow them to gain an exemption from income management? Will other Centrelink recipients completing activities under RJCP gain an exemption from income management?

Answer

Participants in the Remote Youth Leadership and Development Corps will undertake activities that are work focussed and as work-like as possible. While they will not receive wages for participating, subject to retaining eligibility they will continue to receive the same income support payment or CDEP wage as they were receiving prior to commencing in the Remote Youth Development and Leadership Corps.

In addition, participants in the Remote Youth Leadership and Development Corps will receive a supplement of \$20.80 per fortnight.

Participation in the Remote Youth Leadership and Development Corps or the Remote Jobs and Communities Program will not preclude income support recipients from income management.