

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012

Outcome 3 - Tertiary, Skills, International and Indigenous Strategy

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Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

Community Development Employment Projects and Indigenous Employment Programs- IEP placements

Can you please provide figures for the last two financial years on the number of IEP placements, and the success rates for placements and key milestones (as against previous IEP contract periods)?

Answer

Table 1 shows the number and the success rates for employment commencements and key milestones for the Tailored Assistance and Indigenous Wage Subsidy (IWS) elements of the Indigenous Employment Program (IEP). These two elements account for about 87% of employment commencements in 2009/10 and 2010/11 and now have comparable outcome data.

The key milestones for these projects are that people placed into a job are still in employment 13 and 26 weeks after they started work.

The drop in the rate of achieving 26 week milestones for the 2010/2011 cohort is most likely to be a result of data lag. Many contract holders only submit invoices periodically or wait until all of their participants have completed their placements, not immediately after a participant achieves a milestone. The department's database can only be updated after these claims have been processed.

Table 1: Tailored Assistance and IWS employment outcomes by year of commencement

Financial Year	Employment commencements	13 week employment milestone*	26 week employment milestone*
2008/2009**	8,260	73%	58%
2009/2010	9,233	77%	60%
2010/2011	12,715	71%	44%
Total/Average	30,208	74%	55%

* 13 and 26 week milestones are recorded against the year in which the commencement occurred.

** 2008/09 only includes Tailored Assistance data because IWS outcome data is not available.

Table 2 shows the number of, and the completion rates for, training commencements for the Tailored Assistance element of the IEP.

The key milestone for these projects is how many people complete the training they start.

Table 2: Rates of Completion for Tailored Assistance Training Placements

Financial Year	Training commencements	Rate of completion*
2008/2009	13,131	77%
2009/2010	8,232	81%
2010/2011	13,034	79%
Total/Average	34,397	79%

* Completion milestones are recorded against the year in which the commencement occurred