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Senator Scullion asked:

In Maningrida, CDEP participants have been placed in the SIHP Housing contract - fencing and housecleaning. How are you monitoring those arrangements to ensure that these people earn full wages, and if they are on CDEP, they can move seamlessly back to CDEP when the contract ends?

Answer:

To date, seven former CDEP participants have been employed by Territory Alliance, the SIHIP contractor in Maningrida.

Should any former CDEP participant's employment with the SIHIP employer come to an end, then they are entitled to return to the CDEP program subject to meeting normal eligibility criteria and the availability of program places.

In addition, if the former participant was grandfathered they have the option of returning to the program and receiving CDEP wages until the move to income support is undertaken in Maningrida.

Any hours worked on a SIHIP project, either by a CDEP participant or any other employee, are a matter between the individual and the employer. If a worker feels they have not been appropriately paid they can raise the matter with the Fair Work Ombudsman.

If the person is a CDEP participant they can raise the matter with their CDEP provider or contact the Department.