

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

#### **Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004223**

**Senator Kakoschke-Moore provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **Closing the Gap - Employment Services - Yarrabah**

- 1) As one of the closing the gap initiatives \$5 million has been provided over four years for employment services in Yarrabah. What will these 'employment services' be?
- 2) If jobactive providers are being used, will they have targets to employ indigenous people?
- 3) Have work for the dole programs already been used in the area?
- 4) If so – what jobs have people moved into afterwards?
- 5) How many people have found employment?
- 6) How many people are still employed after one year?

#### **Answer**

1) In Yarrabah, the Australian Government is working towards trialing community delivery of employment services. The Department is working with the Council on what assistance they will need.

2) Subject to negotiations, the Council will replace the existing jobactive providers in delivering jobactive services to the Yarrabah community. There are no specified targets to employ Indigenous people.

3) From the beginning of jobactive to 31 March 2017, there have been 329 job seekers who participated in a total of 16 Work for the Dole activities located in Yarrabah.

4) Of these, 23 job seekers or 7 per cent, were also recorded as being placed in a job within three months of participating in a Work for the Dole activity.

5) See Answer 4.

6) The Department does not capture data on whether job seekers are still employed one year after participating in jobactive.