

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Kakoschke-Moore provided in writing.

Question

Closing the Gap - Yarrabah

– As of late May 2017 Yarrabah had two jobs advertised online for the region. I am assuming this measure is to build the job capacity of people in Yarrabah to successfully gain employment in areas like Cairns. Does this funding include money for more infrastructure and transport services as well?

Answer

In Yarrabah, the Australian Government is trialing community delivered employment services. This measure is to better prepare the people of Yarrabah to gain employment where jobs are available, including in Cairns and other surrounding regions. A flexible funding pool of \$5.0 million over four years will be available to build the capacity of the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council to deliver employment services and to evaluate the delivery of these services.

The scope of how this funding can be used will be informed in consultation with the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.