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Question:

Senator McLUCAS: Mr Stacey, is there any data collected in whatever form—probably not—that talks about the number of apprenticeships that have been achieved through this housing program? I daresay it was not requested as part of the original reporting methodology, but if you did then it would be great to know.

Mr Stacey: I think we will have to take that one on notice.

Answer:

The National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing requires jurisdictions to report on the number of local housing-related jobs created for Indigenous people with a view to achieving a 20 per cent workforce target. That has never extended to jurisdictions tracking or reporting on the number of apprenticeships achieved through the agreement and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not have this information.