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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

What is the current status of the Indigenous Cadetship Support (ICS) program?

- a. Can you provide the latest available data for the ICS?
- b. How much funding is committed to this program over the forward estimates?
- c. How much funding is in-kind?
- d. Were any ICS placements funded under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy?

Answer:

The Indigenous Cadetship Support programme is active and funded under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy.

- a. As of 30 April 2015, there were 796 active Cadetships placed with 168 employers.
- b. As Indigenous Cadetship Support is demand driven in nature funding is based upon the number of applications received and the duration of studies while undertaking a cadetship placement.
- c. Employers provide 'in-kind' contributions to the cadets including 12 weeks of paid work placements per annum, support services (eg mentoring) and ongoing employment at the conclusion of the cadet's studies.
- d. The ICS was part of the former Indigenous Employment Programme (IEP) which was rolled into the Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS) on 30 June 2014. All ICS placements are funded as demand driven projects under the IAS Jobs Land and Economy Programme.