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Question:

In a press release from the Minister for Indigenous Affairs dated 29 October 2015, it states “Almost 50 jobs a day have been provided for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy.”

- a) From where is this statistic derived?
- b) How many positions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been funded under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy?
- c) Does this figure include jobs created under the former Remote Jobs and Communities Program?
- d) How many of these jobs translated into 26 week outcomes to date?

Answer:

The figure was derived from calculations of the number of jobs supported between 1 July 2014 (the date the IAS was launched) and 30 September 2015 in employment programmes in the Indigenous Affairs portfolio.

- a. As above - Since 1 July 2014 (the date the IAS was launched), 21,582 placements for Indigenous Australians have been supported by employment programmes under the IAS.
- b. This figure includes placements achieved under RJCP (now the Community Development Programme).
- c. Since 1 July 2014, 9,987 Indigenous employment 26-week outcomes have been achieved. Further data on how many of the 21,582 placements will translate into 26-week outcomes will become available over the course of 2015/16.