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Question:

Are there plans to roll out VTEC in Ceduna?

Mr Eccles: Not at this stage. We do have other programs in Ceduna. One thing we could do on notice is to get you a fairly detailed outline of the Ceduna employment programs that we have in place.

Answer:

Vocational Training and Employment Centres (VTECs)

- There are currently 24 VTECs operating across Australia.
- The existing VTEC support to Ceduna is provided by Maxima. Maxima currently operate out of Adelaide to support Indigenous Employment in South Australia.
- Despite the more limited employment opportunities in this region, Maxima have achieved some good job results for three highly disadvantaged job seekers in Ceduna.

Indigenous Employment Programmes in Ceduna

- There are two current Tailored Assistance Employment Grant projects that include Ceduna in the delivery area. These projects are:
 - Career Employment Group Incorporated, which has been funded up to \$690,978 to assist 40 job seekers to secure apprenticeships and traineeships in the construction industry; and
 - Exactmix Pty Ltd, which has been funded up to \$152,500 to employ 15 job seekers in traineeships and skilled labour roles in the mining and exploration industry.

Community Development Programme (CDP) and Economic Development

- The CDP provider in Ceduna is Complete Personnel.
- The CDP provides an employment services programme that offers seekers a pathway to incrementally build their skills, experience and work-readiness through activities and placement in real work settings. Assistance is provided to job seekers to access job opportunities, while making a positive contribution to their local communities.