

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09**

Outcome/Agency 4

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Senator Boyce asked in writing.

Question

NTER Employment and Training

What is the employment and training component of the NTER? What programs have been put in place to date? How much has been spent? How many jobs?

Answer

Under the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) Welfare and Employment Reform measure, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations received \$45.3 million in administered funding for 2008-09 to implement the following programs:

- Job Network
- Work for the Dole
- Indigenous Employment Programs (including Structured Training and Employment Projects)
- Personal Support Program and Job Placement, Employment and Training
- Vocational Rehabilitation Services and
- Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program.

As at 31 January 2009, expenditure for the financial year for the programs above totalled \$17.5 million and all of these programs are currently operational in the NTER.

As at 6 February 2009, 1,746 NTER job seekers have been placed in jobs by employment service providers since 1 July 2007.

In 2007 more than \$90 million (net) from 2007-08 – 2009 -10 was committed to the NT Jobs Package to create mainstream employment for CDEP participants in the delivery of Australian and Northern Territory local government services. Within the jobs package a matched funding arrangement of up to a total of \$25 million from 2007-08 – 2009-10 was agreed between the Commonwealth and the NT Government to create jobs in local government service delivery.

A total of 2,069 off-CDEP jobs in Australian and local government service delivery have been funded. Employment Service providers have assisted with placement of some former CDEP participants into these jobs and Employment Service and STEP ERS providers have been assisting with post placement support and training to increase retention.