

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

Indigenous Youth Career Pathways program - tender process

I understand the tender process for IYCP will commence transitionally for 2012 and be opened up for 2013. Will you pick schools for it to apply to, and seek tenders for programs through those schools, or will you provide a range of schools and/or areas that are eligible for the program and allow organisations to tender based on their choice of schools?

Answer

The IYCP is operating under transitional arrangements in 2012.

Organisations with an existing Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) contractual commitment to school based traineeships in 2012 were offered a transition contract to support placements in 2012. These organisations will continue to target assistance to those schools where they have been, or had planned to, support students.

The remaining places were filled by approaching all current IEP Employment Panel Members and those other organisations that were funded to deliver school based traineeships through the IEP to provide submissions through a Request for Quotation process. As part of this process potential providers were required to demonstrate their linkages with schools in regions where they intended to operate. These linkages were taken into account when contracts to provide IYCP services were awarded.