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Question:

Senator SIEWERT: Could you provide further details on notice about the nature of the work on the social wellbeing side of things?

Ms Williams: Yes.

Senator SIEWERT: And who is undertaking that particular work?

Ms Williams: Yes. We would certainly be more than happy to provide you with detail on the evaluation, the terms of reference and the consultants that are undertaking it for us et cetera.

Senator SIEWERT: Thank you. I am just double checking. I have a lot of questions that I will put on notice. The key one that I wanted to ask is when you are providing those figures that I have asked for in terms of the update and then working out where the confusion lies over those figures, could you also provide a comparison with the broader jobactive that we were talking about earlier? You have given some other figures on that. Could you provide updated figures over the same period of time for jobactive?

Ms Williams: Certainly. We can provide those figures. That may take us a little longer to obtain.

Senator SIEWERT: Maybe if we could get the other figures sooner and then provide the comparison when you can.

Senator WILLIAMS: Yes.

Answer:

Community Development Programme Evaluation

An independent evaluation of the Community Development Programme (CDP) commenced in 2016. As outlined in the response to question on notice PM116 from Additional Estimates 2016-17, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet contracted the Indigenous owned research and communications organisation, Winangali Pty Ltd, in partnership with Ipsos Australia to undertake the evaluation.

The purpose of the evaluation is to assess early signs of impact and explore what works for who and in what circumstances in achieving employment outcomes and increasing participation in activities in remote Australia.

The evaluation involves several forms of income support, employment and community administrative data and field research to examine the effectiveness in achieving the programme's key objectives of increasing participation and increasing employment outcomes, sustainable work transitions, and employability in remote communities; broader social impacts on communities; individual functioning and wellbeing; and the circumstances and processes which contribute towards impact on job seekers.

Comparison of Job Seeker Compliance Data with Jobactive

The CDP job seeker quarterly financial penalties and suspensions data has been updated to reflect current quarterly report data (1 July 2015 to 30 December 2016) in the response to question on notice PM98 from Additional Estimates 2016-17.

Any compliance data relating to *jobactive* should be requested from the Department of Employment.