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From: Sandra ROGERS
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To: Committee, ATSIA (REPS)
Subject: Inquiry into Indigenous Employment - letter 24 March 2005

Dear Cheryl,

I would like to contribute some comments to the abovementioned Inquiry.

Two years ago I worked with the AMA (Australian Medical Association WA Branch) for a three year period. I was with the AMA Indigenous Initiatives which is situated in the Human Resources Department of the Australian Medical Association WA Branch. (The doctors union)

I felt that the AMA Indigenous Initiatives employment and training program was quite good. The added benefit of this program which was funded by DEWR, was that it existed along side other departments within AMA, such as Health Training Australia (HTA, a group training company, AMA training Services (a registered training organisation) and AMA Training Support (a New Apprenticeship Centre).

In addition the notion of an Indigenous program existing within the AMA (the doctor's union) on occasion seem to have the capacity to break down barriers in main stream employment areas of the community. i.e. Indigenous people were placed quite successfully into mainstream jobs.

Hope this is useful.

regards

Sandra Rogers