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2010-11 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

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Topic: SIHIP – Indigenous Employment

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Senator Furner asked:

Can you provide figures for the increase in Indigenous employment under SIHIP?

Answer:

The National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing has set a target of 20 per cent Indigenous employment. The minimum Indigenous employment target is being exceeded in the NT.

- At 8 November 2010, 323 Indigenous people were employed by SIHIP in 53 communities and town camps across the Northern Territory.
- A total of 784 Indigenous people have been employed since the commencement of SIHIP.
- SIHIP has also achieved a cumulative average of 32 per cent Indigenous employment to date.

This is the first major Indigenous housing construction program that has consistently delivered these sorts of outcomes.