

## Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011

#### Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

DEEWR Question No.CA0008\_11

Senator Payne asked on 22/10/2010, Hansard page 24.

#### Question

##### CDEP - TRAINEESHIPS

Ms Wood—It excluded the Northern Territory because the Northern Territory had a separate jobs package as part of the NTER.

Mr Griew—And these positions are 96 per cent filled. The numbers that Ms Wood was quoting are positions, and they are 96 per cent filled; that is our advice.

Senator PAYNE—What about the traineeships and ranger positions?

Ms Wood—Senator, I do not have the details of the traineeship numbers with me, but we can get you those figures.

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Senator PAYNE—Wasn't there a separate category of ranger positions that was numbered at 60? I thought it was in the announcement in the package. Is that right, Rachel?

Senator SIEWERT—That is what I thought. Or are they separate? Are they Caring for our Country workers?

Ms Wood—Sorry, yes there was, I think, a separate package that was directly funded to the Department of Environment. That was separate from this package. I think they were described as positions for mature age workers. It was a separate part of the Working on Country program, but I do not have the details on that. We could ask the department.

Senator SIEWERT—If you could that would be good.

#### Answer

Under the *Indigenous Remote Workforce Strategy*, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), the Department of Health and Aging (DoHA) and the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DEWPC) have been allocated the following:

- 170 traineeships in Schools;
- 29 traineeships in Early Childhood sector;
- 80 traineeships in Aged and Primary Care placements; and
- 32 traineeships in Administrator and Ranger placements.

The mature aged ranger positions program is called *Working on Country Flexible Positions*. Under this program, 60 Full Time Equivalent Indigenous part-time, casual and seasonal positions are employed by Indigenous organisations to deliver environmental and cultural services. These positions support Working on Country and Indigenous Protected Areas projects.