

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

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

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Siewert asked on 22/10/2010, Hansard page 25.

Question

FUNDING - CDEP

Ms Wood—The latest information we have says that of the 156 positions created by the WA government 142 of them are filled.

Senator SIEWERT—But is this ongoing funding?

Ms Wood—I do not have that information with me as to what period of time they are funded positions.

Mr Harmer—We can get you that information.

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Senator SIEWERT—It would be appreciated if you could check the funding period that those commitments were for.

Mr Griew—Not in any way to detract from that issue, the current level of positions being filled in the state positions is 88 per cent.

Senator PAYNE—Across the board, Mr Griew?

Mr Griew—Yes, that is across the board.

Senator SIEWERT—Of those new jobs...

Mr Griew—The 303 that are state government.

Senator PAYNE—Are these permanent jobs?

Mr Griew—That goes to the funding question - Senator Siewert's question. We will take it on notice.

Is the funding for the positions in WA ongoing?

Are these permanent jobs?

Answer

Funding for the positions is ongoing. Funding administered by the Commonwealth for the created positions under the National Jobs Creation Package was finalised at June 2010 and is now the responsibility of the respective Agencies and Western Australian Government into the out years.

The positions themselves are not all permanent. This is to ensure flexibility of government service delivery.