

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Senator the Hon Jan McLucas

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Question:

The aim of the VTEC Programme is to secure up to 5,000 guaranteed jobs by December 2015. Is this target on track to be met?

- a. How many jobs have been secured for Indigenous jobseekers through the VTEC Programme to date?
- b. How many participants have not been offered or taken up a paid position with an employer?
- c. How many participants who began employment did not achieve a 26 week outcome?
- d. Provide a list of outcomes and payment totals for each of the 29 VTECs.

Answer:

The Department is working closely with VTEC providers and GenerationOne to support progress to the target. There have been 2723 commencements into the VTEC programme.

- a. To date 1,978 Indigenous job seekers have commenced employment.
- b. The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet cannot quantify how many participants have been offered employment, but not commenced a paid position with an employer. To date 192 participants have left the programme before commencing employment.
- c. A total of 237 participants have commenced employment, but did not achieve a 26 week employment outcome.
- d. List of outcomes and payment totals for each of the 29 VTECs as of 21 June 2015:

VTEC Provider	Payment totals (GST incl)	Employment Placements	26 Week outcomes
Ability Options Limited	\$752,400	40	5
AFL SportsReady Ltd	\$564,300	15	0
Apprenticeships Australia Pty Ltd	\$1,128,600	44	3
Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation	\$225,720	7	0
Atwork Australia Pty Ltd	\$752,400	102	31
Bloodwood Tree Association Incorporated	\$255,750	19	0
BoysTown	\$564,300	78	28
Energy Skills Queensland Inc.	\$188,100	8	0
FAIRBRIDGE WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC	\$188,100	5	0
Fortescue Metals Group Ltd	\$752,400	96	40
Group Training Australia Limited (WA)	\$564,300	74	22
Group Training Australia Limited (QLD)	\$752,400	86	7
Group Training Australia Limited (NT)	\$653,675	165	75
John Pearson Consulting Pty Ltd	\$752,400	47	8
Karen Sheldon Catering Pty Ltd	\$933,900	94	0
Marist Youth Care Limited	\$941,100	110	36
MAX Solutions Pty Ltd (WA)	\$376,200	74	8
MAX Solutions Pty Ltd (QLD)	\$188,100	1	0
Maxima Group Incorporated	\$1,336,500	89	14
MEGT (Australia) Ltd	\$940,500	80	8
Mission Australia	\$564,300	58	0
Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Limited	\$752,400	90	9
Myuma Pty Ltd	\$564,300	62	0
Real Futures Pty Ltd as Trustee for the Carbutt Family Trust (WA)	\$125,400	12	0
Real Futures Pty Ltd as Trustee for the Carbutt Family Trust (NSW)	\$501,600	103	26
Shoalhaven Community Development Ltd	\$752,400	145	62
Technical and Further Education Commission	\$752,400	50	0
The Wirrpanda Foundation Limited	\$752,400	85	7
Yarn'n Pty Ltd as trustee for The Nelson & Dunstone Family T	\$809,600	139	82
Subtotal	\$18,385,945	1978	471