

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2012-2013

Outcome 3 - Employment

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Senator Edwards provided in writing.

Question

Indigenous Australian training in Mining sector - Connecting Aboriginal People to Mining Program

1. How many people in South Australia have been involved with the Connecting Aboriginal People to Mining Program ("the Program")? 2. How much funding is being injected into the Program? 3. How many recipients are involved with training indigenous Australians? Has there been positive feedback and/or more partners wanting to be involved with the program supporting Indigenous training? 4. Are more Indigenous people being placed in jobs in the mining sector since the program commenced? 5. Are trainees guaranteed work in follow up to training program/work placement? 6. Will the program continue to run in the future?

Answer

1. To date, a total of 142 Indigenous South Australians have been involved in the Connecting Aboriginal People to Mining Program.
2. The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has provided \$423 000 to the initiative under the Indigenous Employment Program for 2011-12 and 2012-13. The South Australian Government has supported the initiative since 2010-11 and provides the majority of the funding.
3. Nine separate providers have delivered training for 14 projects under this initiative. Interest from providers increased during 2010-11 and 2011-12, but decreased in 2012-13.
4. The initiative assisted 71 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into employment in the sector during 2010-11 and 2011-12.
5. Participants are not guaranteed employment. However, as part of the application process a provider must provide written evidence of employment placements available.
6. An evaluation of the initiative will occur at the end of the funding period (2013-14). The evaluation will inform the future of the initiative.