

**Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 3 - Employment**

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**Question**

**Indigenous Employment Program (IEP) priority list for future funding**

Senator SMITH: Do you have the priority list for future funding available? Ms Wood: No, I do not have that.

Senator SMITH: Can you provide it to me on notice? Ms Wood: Yes. We will have to take it on notice.

Senator SMITH: I would be keen to understand how many Western Australian projects are in the priority list.

This issue goes to the Southern Aboriginal Corporation, who have made representations to me. They have had a very strong record of success, and, in their words, 245 sustainable jobs over the last three years, they have built a lot of trust with Indigenous communities and also with those seeking employment. Their concern is that that trust is now breaking down because they are experiencing some difficulty getting a proper line of sight in terms of what future funding opportunities might be available to them. ... I am very keen to make sure that the Southern Aboriginal Corporation gets an appropriate hearing from the department in terms of their particular projects, and I take a very keen interest in what that priority list will look like particularly for Western Australia.

**Answer**

As at 21 March 2013 there were 45 IEP projects in various stages of development.

A break down by location is as follows:

<b>State</b>	<b>Project Number</b>
WA	9
NT	2
QLD	9
NSW	14
VIC	7
Tas	1
SA	2
National	1

The 9 Western Australian projects are for training and employment opportunities across a range of industries including mining, energy and resources, retail, health and aged care.

Some projects have subsequently been funded.

The Southern Aboriginal Corporation project proposal has been approved and the contract is with the organisation for signature.

The Department is unable to provide a detailed list as it includes information about individual organisations and providers.