

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Outputs 1.2.3: Indigenous Employment Programmes

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Senator Crossin provided in writing:

The Northern Territory News of 29th December (Pg 8) ran an article “Huge Grant for jobs Research” – between CSIRO, NT Govt and Charles Darwin University a grant was made to enable research into small, community based employment projects in remote Aboriginal communities. Researchers will work with the private sector, government and Indigenous people to look at culturally appropriate employment opportunities. Are DEWR aware of this or other similar projects which would seem to offer hope of real alternatives for Indigenous People?

Answer:

Yes, the Department is aware of the Project. DEWR continues to work to use the full suite of programmes under the Indigenous Employment Policy to increase employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians in all States and Territories. For instance, in the NT DEWR is supporting the local jobs strategy at Wadeye, which has seen the establishment of the 'Thamarrurr Employment, Training and Participation Committee' (TETPC). A partnership has been formed between Thamarrurr Regional Council and Group Training NT to develop a business plan for the TETPC and to identify priority projects to be undertaken at the community level. The initial priorities identified by the Committee are:

- work experience and school to work transition;
- new apprentices in construction;
- the development of a work orientation program; and
- succession plans for targeted community jobs.