

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Mason asked on 24/02/2011, Hansard page 60.

Question

COSTS FOR SPECIFIC TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Mr Griew—It may be, Senator, that in the rush of getting this done, that I have got information on a different project to the one you are asking about, if there has been some confusion of numbers. I can only, I am afraid, take that on notice to confirm. The project I have in front of me I am sure is accurately described. Senator MASON—I can show you, if you like. Mr Griew—Yes. Does it have the name of the organisation? Senator MASON—Oh no. Have a look at that, Mr Griew. Mr Griew—My interpretation of this is that we have two different projects here, and I apologise. Ms Paul—Do you know what we have done with that? I think we have got one number wrong. I think we are answering you on 322, not 332. Why don't we come back on notice on the one that is \$407,000, but basically it will be similar. The one you are after, 332, is in Merimbula. Senator MASON—Okay. Mr Griew, can you look at both of those on notice and what types of training and employment opportunities each of the contracts are for, that ancillary question.

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has provided the following response.

Project CN355635 is with Darwin Regional Indigenous Advancement and CDEP Incorporated for a total contracted amount of \$405 000.

Under this project up to 50 participants will undertake accredited training in Certificates II and III in Horticulture. Participants will also undertake on the job and work preparation training. The work preparation package includes life skills training, and financial management and personal presentation training.

Participants will work in groups of 10-15 on live horticulture projects for a period of five weeks to build basic skills before being placed in brokered employment positions.

The provider is also contracted to deliver mentoring and post placement support for participants employed under the project.

Project CN360332 is with Skills Training and Employment Program Incorporated for a total contracted amount of \$407 200.

Under this project 20 participants will undertake accredited training over a 12 month

period in a Certificate III in Hairdressing. Participants will also be provided with workplace literacy and numeracy training if required.

The participants will be placed with an employer in the Sydney region to complete their hairdressing apprenticeship.

The provider is also contracted to provide 12 months mentoring to assist with the retention of participants in training and employment.