

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

**2005-2006 BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
30 ,31 MAY and 3 JUNE 2005**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme and delivery

Output 1.2.2: Employment services

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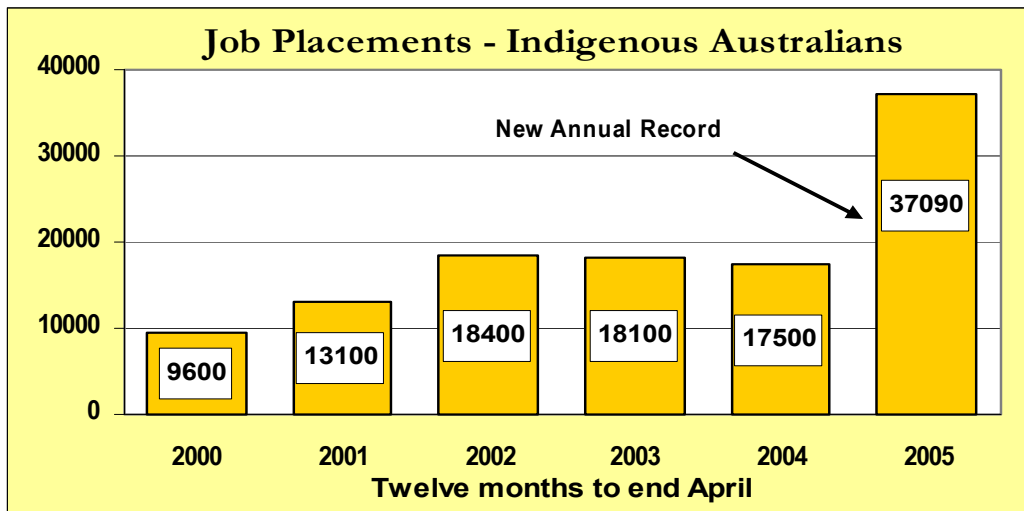
Senator Crossin provided in writing:

At the meetings, in the Power Point presentation we were told that Job Network has improved greatly in getting Indigenous people into jobs. Can we have a breakdown of these statistics – how many were urban, how many remote? Is there a breakdown by state or JN Centre? How many of these were permanent jobs?

Answer:

There has been a growth in the number of placements recorded for Indigenous Australians.

In the twelve months to end April 2005, a total of over 37,000 job placements were recorded by Job Network members and other Job Placement Organisations, more than double the number recorded for the same period last year. Chart 1 depicts the growth in job placements recorded for Indigenous Australians for the twelve month periods to the end of April for successive years.

Chart 1 Job Placements recorded for Indigenous Australians by year

For the twelve months to end April 2005, Table 1 provides a breakdown of the number of job placements for Indigenous Australians recorded by Job Network Members and other Job Placement Organisations by state.

Table 1 Job Placements for the 12 months to end April recorded for Indigenous Australians by state

Year to end April	2003-04	2004-05
NSW	4,878	10,207
VIC	1,609	3,037
QLD	6,252	13,358
SA	1,161	2,480
WA	1,858	4,354
TAS	852	1,458
NT	834	1,994
ACT	121	202
Total	17,565	37,090

Table 2 provides a breakdown of the number of job placements for Indigenous Australians recorded in the twelve months to end April 2005 by metropolitan, rural and remote locations.

Table 2 Job Placements for the 12 months to end April recorded for Indigenous Australians by location

Year to end April	2003-04	2004-05
Metropolitan	5,633	12,005
Regional	10,496	22,126
Remote	1,436	2,959
Total	17,565	37,090

In the twelve months to end April 2005, almost 9,800 long term (13 week) jobs were recorded for Indigenous Australians who are identified as highly disadvantaged or unemployed for more than three months. This number of long term (13 week) jobs is more than double the number achieved for the same period last year.

Of the 37,090 job placements recorded in the previous twelve months, almost 40% were for positions identified as permanent. Table 3 provides details of permanent positions by state for the twelve months ended April 2005.

Table 3 Permanent Job Placements for the 12 months to end April 2005 recorded for Indigenous Australians by state

Year to end April 2005	Permanent Job Placements	Total	Percentage
NSW	3,914	10,207	38.3%
VIC	1,066	3,037	35.1%
QLD	5,617	13,358	42.0%
SA	814	2,480	32.8%
WA	1,919	4,354	44.1%
TAS	387	1,458	26.5%
NT	883	1,994	44.3%
ACT	103	202	51.0%
Total	14,703	37,090	39.6%