

## Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2010-2011

#### Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

DEEWR Question No.EW0175\_11

Senator Scullion asked on 31/05/2010, Hansard page 42.

#### Question

#### INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT PROVIDERS

Senator SCULLION—Which Indigenous-specific employment service providers are accredited or registered?

Ms Wood—There are different ways that we contract under the program. There are two panels under the program: an employment panel and an economic and business development panel. Then there are some projects that are with other organisations, where there is a direct contract with those organisations. The Aboriginal Employment Strategy is a direct funding agreement for that service. There is a range of other projects that will be delivered by panel members. I will find you the numbers of panel members. I will find you the exact figure, but across the two panels it is approximately 250 providers. Some of them are on both panels; some of them are only on the employment panel.

Senator SCULLION—Perhaps on notice, it would be useful if you could divide those up for me.

#### Answer

There are 28 Job Services Australia organisations contracted to deliver specialist Indigenous Stream Services at 182 sites in 34 Employment Service Areas.

There are currently 448 Indigenous Employment Program Panel members, which includes an Employment Panel and an Economic Development and Business Panel.

- 157 organisations are members of both panels;
- 184 organisations are members of the Employment Panel only; and
- 107 organisations are members of the Economic Development and Business Support Panel only.