

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Pg 69 of the ANTA annual report details a \$16,000 Indigenous Workshop awarded to the Australian Chamber of Commerce? Please provide the outcomes of the workshop.

Answer:

Indigenous Workshop

ANTA has provided the following response:

The mid-term review of the Partners in a Learning Culture National Strategy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in Vocational Education and Training 2000-2005 (Partners in a Learning Culture) identified that there was a need to undertake work to identify models of best practice and initiatives that might be taken at the local level to enhance training and employment outcomes for Indigenous people and communities, especially in rural and remote Australia, and with emphasis on Community Development Employment Programs.

ANTA provided funds to the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) to convene a workshop with representatives from industry associations and government agencies such as the Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training, and the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations to discuss how industry could be more proactive in the recruitment, training and retention of Indigenous jobseekers in traditional trades.

The workshop was held on 14 August 2004 in Canberra. Industry associations and some peak bodies, Job Network Providers and relevant Government agency representatives attended the workshop.

The workshop identified examples of good practice that indicated useful avenues for action by those organisations attending the workshop.

As a result of the workshop ACCI has held a number of consultations with traditional trades industries to explore available options for Indigenous employment and retention. ACCI has also begun working with industry associations to assist with implementing strategies to increase Indigenous employment.

ANTA will use the summary of the workshop provided by ACCI to inform implementation of the Partners in a Learning Culture.