

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 1

**Output Group:** 1.2 – Assistance for individuals including those with special needs

#### **DEST Question No. E555\_06**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

The Indigenous Youth Mobility program was stated was to begin in the second semester of this year. It is to provide 600 Indigenous young people the chance to relocate to major centres to improve training opportunities. So has this program commenced as scheduled? In what areas? How many participants are being funded? In what way are they funded? What does it entail to each participant? Are they all mentored and if so by whom?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Indigenous Youth Mobility Programme (IYMP)*

Following the necessary tender procurement processes, contracts were entered with IYMP Training and Employment Providers in Cairns, Townsville, Toowoomba, Newcastle, Dubbo, Canberra, Shepparton, Perth and Darwin during November 2005. Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) has also been contracted to provide IYMP Safe and Supported Accommodation Services for participants primarily in supervised group housing.

A national providers forum was convened during November 2005 to facilitate planning for the intake of IYMP participants from January 2006. A select tender is well advanced to locate a suitable provider for Adelaide.

Training and Employment Providers will identify and select participants for the programme in consultation with AHL and participant's families and communities. Each participant will receive mentoring support and assistance with maintaining contact with home communities through IYMP Training and Employment Providers and support and independent living skills through AHL.

IYMP Participants may receive ABSTUDY or a New Apprenticeship Training Wage while engaged in the programme.