

Answers to Written Question 104:

Employment and Business Opportunities in Territory Growth Towns - Mr Giles to Minister for Business and Employment

QUESTION

In relation to employment opportunities and business development services to Northern Territory Growth Towns:

For each of the identified growth towns of Maningrida, Wadeye, Borroloola, Galiwinku, Nguiu, Gunbalanya, Milingimbi, Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Angurugu/Umbakumba, Gapuwiyak, Yuendumu, Yirrkala, Lajamanu, Daguragu/Kalkarindji, Ramingining, Hermannsburg, Papunya, Elliott and Ali Curung -

**1. What planning has been put in place to answer the needs of the proposed growth towns in each of the following areas;
(a) employment opportunities;**

The NTG continues to focus on Indigenous Employment as a mainstream priority under the recently released Jobs NT which drives for a target of 3000 employment outcomes over the next three financial years.

Recent ABS figures indicate that Indigenous Employment in the Northern Territory is trending in the right direction. Jobs NT involves a coordinated approach to assist Indigenous Territorians reach sustainable employment.

Jobs NT includes a number of specific programs to assist Indigenous Territorians;

- \$1.3 million committed over three years to the NTPS Entry Level Indigenous Employment program, to provide Indigenous people with on-the-job and off-the-job training for entry-level recruitment in the NTPS administrative stream. Upon successful completion, they will gain permanent employment within the NTPS.
- \$600 000 committed annually to the Indigenous Business Development Program, to assist in establishing Indigenous owned businesses and support and develop partnerships between Indigenous organisations and other corporate entities.
- \$4 million committed over three years to the Indigenous Training for Employment Program to develop workforce strategies or support initiatives with direct employment outcomes.

For the Territory Growth Towns a working group has been formed and includes officers from Northern Territory Department of Education and Training (DET), the Department of Business and Employment (DBE), the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services (DHGLRS) and from the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

The working group has developed comprehensive draft economic participation schedules that reflect the coordinated and sustained efforts that are required by all departments to foster ongoing employment in the Territory Growth Towns.

The schedules have a number initiatives focusing on skilling, jobs and enterprise development and have been developed from the initial consultations with communities as part of the Remote Service Delivery activity and are part of the Local Implementation Plans for each of the towns.

The Department of Business and Employment is coordinating several initiatives within the schedules including a Local Jobs for Local People Framework. The framework contains three elements which include a jobs guarantee for successful Year 12 school graduates, a jobs compact to align training and employment support with local job opportunities and an enterprise facilitation component to encourage business development.

(b) education and training facilities

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Education and Training.

(c) tourism business options.

This question should be addressed to the Minister for Tourism.

2. In each town;

(a) what is the current number of private and public (including local government) sector, full time equivalent, positions of employment.

The preliminary employment data report (Attachment 1) on each of the Territory Growth Towns is currently being validated by Government Business Managers in the towns. Caution should be exercised with the data as indicated in the notes section of the report.

Table 1: Characteristics of employment in identified Territory Growth Towns (a)(b)(c)(d)

Jobs Measure (number of positions)	Remote Service Delivery Towns															Additional Territory Growth Towns						Sub-total Additional Towns	TOTAL	
	Angurugu	Galiwinku	Gapuwiyak	Gunbalanya	Hermannsburg	Lajamanu	Maningrida	Milingimbi	Nguiu	Ngukurr	Numbulwar	Umbakumba	Wadeye	Yirrkala	Yuendumu	Sub-total RSD	Ali Curung	Borroloola	Daguragu/ Kalkarindji	Elliott	Papunya			Raminging
Total Jobs (including vacancies and CDEP)	120	396	160	227	175	212	734	187	362	222	137	159	572	317	378	4358	71	235	133	99	40	146	724	5082
Job Vacancies (e)	2	1	4	1	2	7	9	2	2	5	3	0	1	1	5	45	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	48
Total Jobs (f)	118	395	156	226	173	205	725	185	360	217	134	159	571	316	373	4313	70	235	133	98	40	145	721	5034
CDEP Participants	15	158	17	6	12	8	373	43	61	<5	<5	13	122	5	29	869	0	59	29	0	<5	62	153	1022
Full Time	xx	141	76	149	98	110	252	79	185	139	77	101	365	222	183	2244	39	144	46	64	14	69	376	2620
Government	64	128	70	85	50	57	124	73	77	117	63	34	226	69	82	1319	29	57	40	51	9	37	223	1542
Private Sector	<5	13	6	64	48	53	128	6	108	22	14	67	139	153	101	925	10	87	6	13	5	32	153	1078

Source: DBE, Data Collection, March-April 2010; FaHCSIA, special data request, April 2010

Note: (a) Data extracted as at 7 June 2010

(b) Caution should be exercised in the use of this data which is currently undergoing verification and may be subject to substantial revisions

(c) These figures are point-in-time results. As Indigenous persons living in remote communities in the Northern Territory are highly mobile, any interpretation of results should be done with caution

(d) Positions directly related to the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) have not been included

(e) Number of vacant positions identified

(f) Total Jobs includes CDEP, full-time, part-time and casual jobs.