

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Workforce Training:

Literacy and Numeracy training

Please advise how the Northern Territory Government is working to improve adult literacy and numeracy levels and what particular programmes are available to promote equal participation by Aboriginal adults to improve the rate of literacy.

ANSWER

The Australian Government is responsible for the provision of language, literacy and numeracy training to eligible job seekers through the Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) program. The program caters for job seekers with literacy and/or numeracy training needs, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, youth, people with disabilities, mature aged people and job seekers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The SEE program is delivered by STEPS Group Australia in metropolitan, regional and remote areas of the Northern Territory, and participants are referred by the following Employment Services Providers:

- Jobactive
- Disability Employment Services
- Community Development Program
- Transition to Work, and
- ParentsNext.

The NT Government Aboriginal employment programs support the upskilling and re-skilling of Aboriginal people linked to community projects with employment outcomes. The \$3.57 million committed to a newly-integrated program for Aboriginal employment provides case-managed services for employers to improve local employment opportunities. The program also targets foundation skills including language, literacy and numeracy support, and pre-employment and pre-apprenticeship programs to enhance responsiveness to industry change and community opportunities.