

**Estimates Committee 2010**  
**Questions Taken On Notice**

( 11/06/2010 to 18/06/2010 )

Date: 15/06/2010 Output:  
Sub Output:  
Subject: Local Government Employment

**From:**Mr Gerry Wood to Hon Malarndirri McCarthy  
Local Government

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**Question:** **4-7**  
Minister, in relation to core local government services, excluding agency employment, how many people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, were employed on local government pre-amalgamation, and how many were employed post-amalgamation up to this point?

**Answer:**  
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Date: 15 June 2010 Output: 1.0 Local Government, Regional and  
Community Services  
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Subject: Answer to Question on Notice 4.7

From: Member for Nelson To: Hon Malarndirri McCarthy MLA

Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services

Number: 4.7

Question: In relation to core local government services, excluding agency employment, how many people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, were employed on local government pre-amalgamation, and how many were employed post-amalgamation up to this point?

Answer:  
There is no information available from across the former community government councils in relation to the numbers of staff employed in core local government versus agency services. Shire councils do not publicly report staffing numbers according to core functions versus agency services and in practice, many staff have dual roles.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services is aware of Charles Darwin University doctorate preliminary research, based on an assessment of council records pre-July 2008 and in the first half of 2009, that shows a significant growth in council employment from 1 660 persons with the former community government councils to 2 300 persons with the shire councils in both core and agency-related services. The research presented in the joint 2010 CDU/Australian Centre for Excellence in Local Government scoping report, concludes that the major proportion of this growth was related to delivery of core services.