

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Housing and Community Development:

#### Local Aboriginal employment

1. Does the Government policy for Local Government to employ more Aboriginal people focus on local Aboriginal people who have a strong understanding of their community and country?

The purpose of the Indigenous Jobs Development Program is to provide financial assistance to councils for salaries and approved on-costs for all Aboriginal employees delivering council services (for example, parks and gardens, sport and recreation, waste management, animal management, administration, library, civil works and other activities).

Funds are provided to the councils retrospectively upon the receipt of a quarterly performance report. The funding is only available to regional councils with a predominately Aboriginal constituency and the Belyuen Community Government Council.

The Indigenous Jobs Development Funding provided to councils supported the employment of approximately 550 Aboriginal employees in 2017-18, of which 78 per cent were male and 22 per cent female.

The Department of Housing and Community Development is not involved in recruitment of council employees. Employee selection and focus is a matter for each council.

2. What training is being provided to assist people to access these jobs?

The Department of Housing and Community Development does not provide training under this program. Training of local government Aboriginal employees is a matter for councils.

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