## **Estimates Committee 2012 Questions Taken On Notice**

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#### Answer:

This question refers to a table published in the Department's 2010-11 Annual Report (page 62) which compares budget estimates and actual results over time. The figures of 40 per cent and 55 per cent were the budget estimates for the key deliverables of "Indigenous Essential Service Officers (ESOs) employment" and "ESOs with Certificate II or III" respectively.

The budget estimates the full-time equivalent (FTE) staff and the Indigenous ESOs as at 30 June 2012. Results for 30 June 2012 are not yet available from Power and Water Corporation which employs the ESOs.

At 31 May 2012, Power and Water Corporation employed 172 full-time and part-time ESOs, as follows:

	Part time	Full time	Total
Indigenous ESOs	12	40	52
Indigenous Trainee ESOs		34	34
Total Indigenous	12	74	86
Non- Indigenous	21	65	86
Total ESOs	33	139	172

86 ESOs (50 per cent) were Indigenous.

51 ESOs (30 per cent) had Certificate II/III, of these, 16 (or 31 per cent) were Indigenous.

Note that these figures are total staff numbers, not FTEs, and cannot be directly compared with the budget estimates (FTEs).

Actual figures included in the 2010-11 Annual Report were based on 155 FTEs for ESOs at 30 June 2011.

37 per cent were Indigenous, equating to 57 people.

41 per cent had Certificate II/III, equating to 64 people. Of these 64, 26 were Indigenous.

In 2011-12 Power and Water Corporation commenced a program targeting ESO training and upskilling of ESOs Territory wide, resulting in the recruitment of 34 Indigenous Trainee ESOs who are being trained to Certificate Level II level.