

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Environment and Natural Resources:

Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority - Staffing

- 1. Is it correct that only 12% of agency employees are Aboriginal? If so, do you think that this is appropriate given the agency's role and purpose directly impacts Aboriginal people?**

As at March 2019, the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (the Authority) employed 12.9% of people who identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and as at June 2019 this number increased to 16.7%. This is consistent with previous years and has fluctuated between 12 to 18% over a five year period.

The Authority strongly encourages Aboriginal employment and is committed to increasing opportunities wherever possible and accesses such programs as the Aboriginal Employment Program for vacancies as they arise. The Authority has recently been in discussions with the Department of Corporate and Information Services to target Aboriginal graduates in the data sciences field.