

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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From: Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula

To: Hon Natasha Fyles

Portfolio: Chief Minister

Agency: Chief Minister & Cabinet

Subject: Employment created by Equatorial Launch Australia in Gove

QUESTION

You mentioned rocket launches. Do you know how many full-time permanent positions have been created by ELA in Gove? What are the positions? How many Yolngu are employed?

ANSWER

Currently, ELA has one permanent full-time staff member who is based in Nhulunbuy – the Arnhem Space Centre (ASC) Site Manager. The Site Manager is a non-Aboriginal employee.

During the construction of the ASC (from mid-2021 through to May 2022), there were up to 30 employees and contractors working on the site, of which approximately 20 were Northern Territory residents, including a number of Yolngu contractors. This is estimated to be the equivalent of 15 full-time equivalent positions (FTE).

ELA anticipates requiring up to 30 people on site in full-time permanent positions by 2025. These jobs will likely be a mixture of highly skilled technicians and trades and semi-skilled workers such as ground maintenance, cleaners and caterers.

ELA aims to fill roles using Northern Territory local talent where possible, and has committed to at least 10% of these positions (3) being identified for special recruitment processes where Yolngu (and other Aboriginal) applicants are given preference.