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Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES)

What funding is the government committing to the Aboriginal Employment Strategy?

- ▶ The Howard Government will provide funding of \$17 million over four years to continue and expand the operations of the AES.

What will the Aboriginal Employment Strategy do?

- ▶ The Aboriginal Employment Strategy started in Moree and has assisted many Indigenous Australians to find jobs. Offices are now also located in Tamworth and Dubbo.
- ▶ The Aboriginal Employment Strategy will continue to improve employment outcomes for Indigenous Australians and to expand to new locations over four years.
- ▶ Its expansion provides increased choice for Indigenous Australians in more locations. This is an example of the Howard Government's commitment to practical reconciliation. It will also highlight for many employers the opportunities and advantages of employing Indigenous Australians and it is a practical plan to get unemployed Indigenous Australians into real jobs.

How will this work in practice?

- ▶ Over the next four years, the Aboriginal Employment Strategy will complement other employment services in the Moree, Tamworth and Dubbo areas, as well as the other sites where it expands its operations. During this period, the Aboriginal Employment Strategy will further develop its employment services for Indigenous job-seekers and learnings will be shared, maximising results in these rural and regional locations.

When will this start and how will it be funded?

- ▶ New funding has been provided to enable the measure to continue from 1 July 2005 and to expand its operations into new areas. Funding for the Aboriginal Employment Strategy will comprise a combination of service and outcome fees and a quarantined pool of funds, akin to the Job Seeker Account in the Job Network, that the Aboriginal Employment Strategy can use to purchase assistance for job seekers.

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Why is change needed?

- ▶ By securing funding over the next four years, the Howard Government will ensure that the strengths of the Aboriginal Employment Strategy can be further developed and utilised to support improved services for Indigenous Australians.
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How will Aboriginal Employment Strategy help people?

- ▶ In addition to working closely with employers, the Aboriginal Employment Strategy will match Indigenous job-seekers with job opportunities and provide support for both the employer and job-seeker to promote long-term job outcomes.
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Key Facts

- ▶ \$17million over four years to support Indigenous-specific employment services in Moree, Tamworth, Dubbo and other new locations.
 - ▶ Builds on existing Aboriginal Employment Strategy.
 - ▶ More choice in employment services for Indigenous Australians.
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