



Federal Budget 2004-05

Fact sheet — Indigenous Youth Employment Consultants

What will the Indigenous Youth Employment Consultants do?

Indigenous Youth Employment Consultants will work with Indigenous youth to encourage better transitions from school to work by providing linkages with both work opportunities and further education and training.

How will this work in practice?

Indigenous Youth Employment Consultants will be linked with Job Network members in areas with active labour markets. They will target three groups of young Indigenous people, those:

- disengaged from school;
- entering the workforce after leaving school; and
- continuing with education and training before entering the workforce.

The consultants will work with these people as well as families, communities, local schools, vocational education and training providers and local business to provide these young people with better linkages with work opportunities and further education and training.

When will this start and how will it be funded?

The Government will provide funding of \$13.1 million over four years from 2004/05 to 2007/08 to fund up to 30 Indigenous Youth Employment Consultants.

This measure provides a supporting link to existing Australian Government programmes that focus on school retention and education.

Why is this change needed?

School completion is of primary importance to lifelong employment outcomes. Currently the unemployment rate for Indigenous young people aged 15 – 19 years is almost double that for non-Indigenous young people in the same age group. It is critical to support the growing population of young Indigenous people who are in the ‘transition from school to work’ stage by implementing measures to improve school to work outcomes to turn this trend around.

How will Indigenous Youth Employment Consultants help people?

Indigenous Youth Employment Consultants will work with Indigenous youth and their families, to improve post school education and employment outcomes by providing employment services and linking with existing Australian and State government programmes and services as well as schools, vocational education and training providers and employers to support relevant education, training or employment opportunities for each person.

Key Facts

- In the first year up to 15 Indigenous Youth Employment Consultants will be engaged in working with Indigenous young people, with up to a total of 30 by the following year.
- The Indigenous Youth Employment Consultants will be linked to Job Network members in areas with active labour markets.