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\$13 million for Indigenous Youth Employment Consultants

The Australian Government will provide \$13.1 million over four years to target young indigenous people and improve their prospects of successfully moving from school to work.

The new funding will provide up to 30 *Indigenous Employment Consultants* who will work with young Indigenous people and provide linkages to work opportunities or further education and training.

The main role of the consultants will be to encourage the successful transition of young Indigenous people from school to work

The consultants will be based with Job Network providers and will also work with families, communities, local schools, vocational education and training providers and local business.

Indigenous Youth Employment Consultants will target three groups of Indigenous youth:

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

The Indigenous youth population is growing at twice the rate of the total Australian population and it is therefore critical to support those young Indigenous people who are in the “transition from school to work” stage.

Indigenous people must be provided with the practical support and assistance which will give them the best chance of participating in the workforce and getting a job.

The Indigenous Youth Employment Consultants initiative will also provide a supporting link to existing Australian Government programmes that focus on school retention and education.

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