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Windsor welcomes Indigenous Clerical Traineeships announcement

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has welcomed the announcement by Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon Tony Abbott about the placement of six clerical traineeships for local indigenous people in Armidale Glen Innes and Inverell in the New England electorate and Moree, Walgett and Warwick (Qld).

The six positions are being co-ordinated by Inverell based Employment Service provider, BEST Employment and commenced late last year under the Structured Training and Employment Program (STEP).

Total project cost is \$46,200 with the trainees being placed in BEST's offices in each location.

"I am pleased that BEST Employment have been successful in accessing funding from this program to help give young Indigenous people the opportunity to develop skills to equip them for employment opportunities later in life.

I thank the Minister and his Department for recognising the merits of BEST Employment's application to the program to help provide these opportunities," Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor also paid tribute to BEST Employment who has shown great commitment to meeting the needs of the Indigenous community of the region.

"Best Employment is part of the National Employment Services Association Special Interest Group on Indigenous Employment, one of only about 12 employment service providers Australia wide to be represented thereon.

As I understand it, the Structured Training and Employment Program has had good success in assisting participants into employment or onto further education and I wish these young people every success during and after their twelve month traineeship," Mr Windsor said.

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