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Consultation on improving Prison Employment Services for First Nations Peoples – WA

TWES is a good program.

The WA Government has the Prisoner Employment Program (PEP) assisting minimum security prisoners into paid employment for the last 6 months of their sentence.

Under the PEP, prisoners can be registered for assistance under the “Pre-Release Prisoner Initiative” with Workforce Australia providers. We currently use Workskil who have supported the prisoners very well. The issue is for a prisoner with completed JSCI and Esat under TWES to then register with Workforce Australia (pre-release) they become a Voluntary Jobseeker and lose any streaming benefit gained from TWES.

Unfortunately to date no prisoners participating in the PEP had any benefit from TWES.

Can TWES be adjusted to benefit a prisoner participating in PEP (pre-release) employment?

Thank you for considering this request

Regards

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