



Senator Nick Sherry

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Senator Sherry welcomes Indigenous students to Canberra

Indigenous students from across the country are in Canberra this week to undertake work experience with the Australian Government.

The Government's Inaugural *Learn. Earn. Legend!* Work Experience in Government program will host 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students.

The students, aged 14 to 18 years, have been selected from Government and non-Government schools from urban, regional and remote areas across Australia.

"I am delighted to welcome these students to Canberra," Senator Sherry said.

"The Australian Government is committed to increasing Indigenous employment with the public sector, and I am sure many Indigenous students will be inspired to pursue a career in Government this week."

Senator Sherry said he was delighted to welcome Jane O'Brien from Penguin High School to join him and his staff at Parliament House.

In their work experience placements, the students will get to experience life in a political office as well as see Government in action, watch Question Time, tour Parliament House and spend a day in a public service agency or department.

"I encourage all the young Indigenous people in this program to make the most of this week, so that in their future career they may have the opportunity to contribute to shaping Australia," said Senator Sherry.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has partnered with Dare to Lead and the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation to host the program.

The *Learn.Earn.Legend!* initiative aims to encourage young Indigenous people to stay in school and training so they can gain great jobs and careers, and is part of the Australian Government's commitment to closing the gap on education and employment outcomes.

For further information on *Learn.Earn.Legend!*, visit www.deewr.gov.au/Indigenous

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