

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2012-2013

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

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Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Youth Mobility and Youth Leadership Programs

How many young people access these programs? How many outside the NT? What was the planned duration of the program, before it was cut? What will happen to young people currently in the program when the program stops? Are similar programs being funded as part of Stronger Futures?

Answer

Indigenous Youth Mobility Program

- 1059 young people accessed the program over July 2009 to June 2012.
- 283 young people were actively engaged in the program end of June 2012. 24 of these were in the Northern Territory.

The program remains ongoing. However, the number of daily places has been reduced from 324 to 275 for four years while funding is redirected to support the Northern Territory Futures measure in the short to medium term. The program will continue in 2013 and all participants will be catered for. Similar programs are not funded through Stronger Futures.

Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

- 800 young people were actively engaged in the program at end of June 2012. 73 of these were from the Northern Territory.

Prior to Budget the number of new scholarships available through this program per annum was 300 (240 secondary and 60 tertiary). Following the Budget the Department is working through details in the provision of new scholarships during the forward estimates. In addition to some new scholarships, young people who are existing participants will be supported to continue their studies until they have completed Year 12 or their three year tertiary scholarship. The number of places will increase to previous levels from 2016-17. Similar programs are not funded through Stronger Futures.