

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 – Schools and Youth

DEEWR Question No. CA0016_13

Senator Payne provided in writing.

Question

Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

With respect to the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program, how many current program participants are there, will this number increase during the current financial or calendar year, and how many places will no longer be provided after 2012 that would have otherwise been had the suspension not been announced?

Answer

There were 793 program participants as at 31 May 2012. The program is expected to support around 820 students in 2012 and 826 students in 2013.

Had the program continued with its current level of funding, there would have been approximately 916 places in 2013. The total number of places that will not be available over 2013 to 2016 is around 990.

Resources transferred from this program will directly fund initiatives under the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory package, including by addressing the urgent need in that jurisdiction for additional teachers, teacher housing, teacher professional development, early childhood services in remote communities and attendance initiatives.