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Topic: Saver Plus Program – Mirrabooka

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Senator Boyce asked:

What is the exact number of clients at the Mirrabooka site? Would you be able to give me the exact number at three or four recent points in time?

Answer:

The Mirrabooka site opened on 8 February 2010 and as at 31 December 2010 report has 24 participants. It is expected the site will support 120 participants by 30 June 2011.

The Brotherhood of St Laurence Saver Plus Funding Agreement stipulates reporting at six monthly intervals and requires reporting against aggregate total number of sites and clients only. Reporting against the Mirrabooka site or other individual sites has not been a requirement of the funding agreement to date.

In the first reporting period up to 30 June 2010, there were 13 participants at the Mirrabooka site.

The Department sought this information as a one-off request.