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Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Senator URQUHART: What is the number of staff supporting the program?

Ms Lynch: At present, there are a total of 4.9 full-time equivalent staff.

Senator URQUHART: Have there been any changes to that number, or has that been number all the way through?

Ms Lynch: It has changed since the commencement of the program.

Senator URQUHART: From?

Mr Thompson: From start-up through to what is effectively a contract management function.

Senator URQUHART: What was the initial number?

Ms Lynch: I will have to take that question on notice.

**Answer:**

The initial staffing profile for the Suburban Jobs Programme was 5.9 full-time equivalent staff during the application assessment and project start up phase. The staffing level has decreased to 4.9 during the implementation phase consistent with usual phasing for grants programmes.