Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Senator Fifield provided in writing.

Question

GOLDEN GURUS - SMALL BUSINESSES

Have any small businesses approached member organisations to participate in the program? How many and where are they located? How many small businesses have been successful in their application to participate in the program? Have any small businesses been connected with a mentor?

Answer

We are unable to provide these figures.

Tobe part ofGolden Gurus, an organisationneeds todemonstrate that they deliver a service that meets the standards set out in the Golden Gurus Quality Guidelines.As Member Organisations do not receive fees (refer SQ10-000688), they are not required to report the number of participants.

There are 14 Member Organisations that connect mature age volunteers to small businesses.

The Department will conduct a survey of Member Organisations as part of monitoring and evaluation for the program, after Member Organisations have had the opportunity to settle into the program.

Attachment A

There are 14 Golden Gurus Member Organisations delivering Small Business Mentoring Services across Australia. They are:

- Caboolture Business Enterprise Centre Association   QLD
- Esperance Local Enterprise Initiative Committee Inc   WA
- Small Business Mentoring Service Inc   VIC
- CentralCoast Business Mentoring Services Inc   NSW
- Business Enterprise Centre Northside Limited   NSW
- City of Salisbury   SA
- Bathurst Information and Neighbourhood Centre   NSW
- Belmont Business EnterpriseCentre   WA
- Mentor Resources Limited   TAS
- Griffith Skills Training Centre   NSW
- Hunter Business Centre Limited   NSW
- Heta Incorporated   SA
- The Hunter Volunteer Centre   NSW
- Rotary Club of Roseville Chase Inc   NSW

Please refer to www.deewr.gov.au/goldengurus for more information on Golden Gurus Member Organisations.