

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

Teach for Australia pilot program

Senator BACK: Of those who have not survived, do they tend to be ones who have gone to schools away from their residential base so that they have the added challenge of moving to a new location and also a disadvantaged school? Ms Gordon: I would need to take that one on notice.

Answer

There have been three associates who have withdrawn from the program. Two associates from the first cohort withdrew from the program during the first year and an associate from the third cohort withdrew during the initial intensive component of the teacher education course.

Exit interviews conducted with these associates did not indicate that location and levels of disadvantage of the host schools impacted on their decision to leave the program.