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Question

Helping Young Parents measure

a) How many young mothers in each of the 10 locations are part of the Building Australia's Future Workforce initiative during 2012–13? b) What have been the outcomes for parents' participation in these locations? c) How many parents have had their payment suspended under these arrangements?

Answer

a) The Helping Young Parents measure commenced on 1 January 2012. The number of parents who have commenced the Helping Young Parents measure for the period 1 January 2012 to 28 June 2013 is as follows.

Local Government Area	Parents commenced (1 January 2012 to 28 June 2013)
Rockhampton (QLD)	199
Logan (QLD)	522
Wyong (NSW)	184
Bankstown (NSW)	87
Shellharbour (NSW)	80
Greater Shepparton (Vic)	89
Hume (Vic)	105
Burnie (Tas)	42
Playford (SA)	285
Kwinana (WA)	76
Total	1669

Note: A parent is deemed to have commenced in the Helping Young Parents measure once they have attended their first interview with the Department of Human Services.

b) For the period 1 January 2012 to 28 June 2013, over 1000 parents have developed a Participation Plan, which includes compulsory education, early childhood learning, and development and parenting activities. Specific activities are selected by the parent with assistance from the Department of Human Services.

Around 253 parents have obtained a Year 12 or equivalent qualification (Certificate II or above). Other parents have attained a Year 10 or 11, or Certificate I qualification and are working towards a Year 12 or equivalent qualification.

- c) For the period 1 January 2012 to 28 June 2013, 505 participants in the Helping Young Parents measure have incurred income support suspensions.