

Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade
Inquiry into Strengthening Australia's trade and investment relationship with Africa
Spoken Questions on Notice from **Sam Lim** to Austrade

01. African alumni statistics - Inquiry into Strengthening Australia's trade and investment relationship with Africa

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Mr LIM: We've got many African students who study in Australia, and then, after they've graduated, they go back to Africa. Do we have any stats that link both countries? What sort of fellowship do we have for them with us?

Mr Verspuy: I don't have those stats. We can take that on notice and see what we do have. Obviously, the alumni become powerful ambassadors for Australia when they go back to Africa. One of our locally engaged staff attended university in Australia and is now working for us, assisting Australian exporters to expand into Africa. I'm sure DFAT touched on this. At each of their posts, they're obviously engaging with the community as well, who have those links to Australia to grow those links.

Answer

This data is held by a variety of departments including, the **Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**, the **Department of Home Affairs** and the **Department of Education**.

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For Africa, our recent focus has been on developing and showcasing African alumni and student stories through our Study Australia web and social media channels. See for example [Angella from Kenya | Study Australia](#) (www.studyaustralia.gov.au/en/tools-and-resources/student-stories/angella-kenya).