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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

**Senator URQUHART:** Do you know how many have achieved certificate qualifications?

**Ms Lane:** I do not, but I can take that on notice. However, it was always the intention of the program to allow for a range of training outcomes for participants. So it certainly was not intended that everybody would want or be capable of undertaking a certificate qualification. Certainly, all participants are undertaking those units, so there will be a variety of outcomes

**Answer:**

***Green Army Certifications***

As part of its reporting and auditing processes, the Department of the Environment receives feedback from Green Army Service Providers on Participant training outcomes. Service Providers have indicated Participants are receiving training in a variety of competencies, in line with each Service Providers' Operations Manuals. These Operations Manuals indicate that opportunities for vocationally oriented accredited training qualifications or nationally endorsed skill sets under the Australian Qualifications Framework, delivered by a Registered Training Organisation, will be offered to all Participants.

To date, qualifications delivered under the Green Army Programme have included competencies in first aid, working safely, natural area restoration works, land management, chemical application, construction, treating weeds, planting shrubs and plant recognition. These competencies are also complemented by practical, on-the-job components that align with the environment and heritage outcomes of the Programme. Some Providers have even tailored Green Army activities and incorporated additional training components to assist participants towards certificate qualifications. At 31 May 2015, of the 549 participants involved in completed projects, 530 (or 96.5 per cent) have undertaken one or more accredited units that contribute towards a Certificate I or II.