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Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

Which particular skills sets will be targeted under the Green Army program? Has the Government considered targeting skills shortage areas – either by industry or geographic regions? If so, which skills shortage areas are under consideration?

**Answer:**

The Green Army will provide practical skills and training to young Australians whilst improving the environment. The particular skill sets to be targeted under the Green Army Programme will be determined by the nature of the projects being delivered, and individual Participant needs and preferences.

At a minimum, Participants will be required to undertake appropriate work health and safety training and accredited training in first aid. The Programme will provide participants with an opportunity to undertake training in relevant vocationally orientated accredited training or nationally endorsed skills set training, including training that may support completion of a Certificate I or Certificate II (or part thereof) in fields related to the conservation of Australia's environment and heritage.