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Answers to questions on notice  
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**Senator Kakoschke-Moore asked:**

How many people were employed through the Green Army program in South Australia?  
How many jobs will the National Landcare Program create in South Australia in total?  
Does this result in an increase, or decrease in jobs?  
How many jobs has the National Landcare Program created in South Australia to date?

**Answer:**

***Green Army Program***

1. The Green Army is a voluntary initiative. Participants are not engaged as ongoing employees. Under the Program, participants are paid an allowance and are involved in projects for up to 30 hours a week for 20-26 weeks.
2. As at 19 June 2017, 83 Green Army projects have been completed and 11 projects are currently underway in South Australia, engaging approximately 940 participants in total.
3. A further five projects (approximately 50 participants) are anticipated to be delivered before the Green Army Program closes, bringing the total number of participants engaged to approximately 990 over the life of the Program to 30 June 2018.

***National Landcare Program***

4. While we know that the various elements of the National Landcare Program aimed at delivering Natural Resource Management outcomes are creating jobs in communities and helping employment pathways, the Department of Environment and Energy does not currently collect data on the number of people employed through this program.