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**Senator Singh asked:**

Senator SINGH: Do you have a breakdown of the 196? How many were shire councils? How many were NRM groups, catchment management authorities and Landcare groups?

Ms Pidcock: I would have to take that on notice. We do have it broken down, but I just—

Senator SINGH: I can go on to your website. I have the whole list here in front of me. It would take me a little while now to count how many, but I can see by flicking through that there are quite a lot in the shire council category. It would be handy if someone could do a count and tell us the percentage that are. The reason I ask the question is that we have heard concerns in the Senate inquiry into the Landcare program that many of the Landcare groups were not able to find a useful number and variety of tasks to give the Green Army team worthwhile experience for four days a week for six months. Therein lies why your breakdown—which is why I am asking you what your breakdown is—is more weighted to the shire councils and perhaps NRM groups. Can you provide us with a—

Mr Sullivan: We are happy to give you a breakdown. I have two observations to make around that. The first is that a number of those initial 196 came from election commitments that were made prior to forming government. The initial focus of a number of those was on local councils in the formative stage of the program primarily because local councils have a range of materials and practices at their disposal to support Green Army teams.

The second observation is that you are quite correct: there was some hesitancy from Landcare groups in looking at brokering projects that comprised a number of groups. We have worked really hard with NRM organisations and Landcare groups since the first round to talk about projects that could involve three weeks with one Landcare group and four weeks with a Bushcare group—

**Answer:**

Table 1 provides a breakdown of the types of Project Sponsors who have been successful in gaining projects under the Green Army Programme, along with the number and percentage of projects allocated to each Project Sponsor.

A full description of all 196 projects, including a breakdown of their locations and Project Sponsor details, is available on the Department of the Environment's website at [http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/pages/697a6383-c7c3-415a-a2bd-5e0f2b6dfeaa/files/green-army-round-1-projects\\_4.pdf](http://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/pages/697a6383-c7c3-415a-a2bd-5e0f2b6dfeaa/files/green-army-round-1-projects_4.pdf)

Table 1 – Number of Projects by Organisation (Project Sponsor) Type

<b>Organisation (Project Sponsor) Type</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Community, Charity and Landcare Groups	58	29.59
Council	89	45.41
Educational	15	7.65
Indigenous	11	5.61
Regional NRM Group	11	5.61
State Government	12	6.12
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100.00%</b>