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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. What is the attrition rate for Green Army participants? Which regions, and which class of projects, have the highest and lowest attrition rates?
2. How does the overall attrition rate compare with work for the dole? Can you break that down and compare regional rates?

Answer:

1. As at 31 August 2015, a total of 685 participants exited the Green Army prior to completing their project, bringing the total exit rate to 19.9 per cent.
2. Many of the participants that have left the programme have successfully gained employment in the natural resource management field or in other areas. When a participant leaves a team within the first couple of weeks of a project, replacement recruitment is undertaken.
3. The Department of the Environment does not administer the work for the dole programme and is unable to comment on the attrition rate of the work for the dole programme.

Exit rates for the Green Army are not available on a regional basis.