

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** Green Army Programme

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** BI-203

The response to Question AI-147 (4) Additional Budget Estimates (February 2014) stated that participants in the Green Army program would have access to individual training programs.

1. Has the Department provided any costing analysis to the Minister on the cost of devising individual training programs?
2. How many people does the Green Army program plan to train?
3. What funding has been allocated per person?
4. If this is a matter for the Environment Minister or the Department, can Industry liaise with Environment to provide an answer?
5. Has a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Industry and the Department of Environment been drafted for the Green Army program? Can a copy be provided?
6. 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? If this is a matter for the Environment Minister or the Department, can Industry liaise with Environment to provide an answer?

**ANSWER**

1. No.
2. It is expected that up to 23,850 people will be trained over the next four years under the Green Army, with up to 2,250 in 2014-15. These figures exclude Team Supervisors.
3. The programme has been designed to allow for \$2,750 per participant for training.
4. This is a matter for the Minister for the Environment. The Department of Industry has liaised with the Department of the Environment to obtain the responses.
5. No.
6. The programme is not a skills shortage program. The particular skills sets to be targeted under the programme will be determined by the nature of the projects being delivered, and individual participant needs and preferences. The programme will provide participants with an opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification, in particular by undertaking training in fields related to the conservation of Australia's environment and heritage.