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Senator KETTER: Thank you. Moving on to the number of graduates who have been made, or will be made, offers for 2016. Are you able to provide that information?

Dr Pigram: My understanding is that next year's intake will be 13 and it will comprise two components: 10 in the science area and three in the ICT area.

Senator KETTER: That is for the whole of 2016?

Dr Pigram: Yes. We only take a small quantum each year. That is bigger than we normally take. Not everyone will accept, but I understand the offers have been made at that level.

Senator KETTER: How does that compare with previous years?

Dr Pigram: Last year was eight and two, I think. But I will check that and I can advise that on notice if you would prefer.

ANSWER

There were 10 offers made for the 2016 graduate intake: seven science graduates and three ICT graduates. Nine of these have accepted the offer to commence with Geoscience Australia in January 2016: six science and three ICT. One additional science graduate will commence in January 2016, after deferring an offer made to commence in 2015.

The table below compares the 2016 intake to previous years.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Science Graduate Places Offered</i>	<i>Science Graduate Places Accepted</i>	<i>ICT Graduate Places Offered</i>	<i>ICT Graduate Places Accepted</i>
2016	7	6	3	3
2015	9	8*	3	1
2014	7	7	3	2
2013	7	7	0	0

* Note: one science graduate from 2015 deferred their commencement until 2016.