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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: Is the department or the government intending to count the Green Army in its one million new jobs commitment?

Mr Thompson: I will take that on notice.

Answer:

The Green Army is a 'work experience' type programme that offers hands-on experience and accredited training for Participants. Green Army Participants are therefore not considered employees and will not be counted towards the one million new jobs commitment.

Green Army Team Supervisors who may be engaged by Service Providers as new or existing contractors or permanent employees, would contribute to the government's new job commitment.