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Senator Urquhart asked:

Senator URQUHART: What to industry projections say about the number of available jobs over the life of the deed? With 2,500 participants in year what pathways would be put in place to ensure that they would be able to find work?

Ms Lane: I might take that on notice. I re-emphasise that the program is not an employment program, per se. It is not designed to find permanent employment for young people. There is obviously a focus on the program preparing young people for the transition from school to work or from unemployment to work but, because it is not an employment program, I do not have the details and we have not done the projections that you are talking about. I would have to take it on notice.

Answer:

The Green Army is a 'work experience' type programme that offers hands on experience and training for participants. As such the programme does not guarantee permanent employment for participants. It will however provide young people with skills to assist their transition to employment and training. The Department of Employment's *Employment Outlook to 2017* report however says that over the five years to November 2017 employment is projected to increase by 820,100 jobs (7.1 per cent growth). The report projects high growth rates in employment areas that require Certificate I, II, III qualifications. Green Army Participants will have opportunities to undertake Certificate I or II training in a range of areas including but not limited to literacy and numeracy, Project Management, landscape management and Horticulture.