

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0248_14

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Youth Connections program

For the latest year that you have to hand, and since the beginning of the Youth Connections program, can the department advise:

1. How many young people have been assisted by the program?
2. Outcome rates?
3. Total level of Government investment?
4. Number of providers and number of service sites?
5. Each of the above broken down by electorate, or post code if that is not possible?
6. Each of the above for previous years the program has been running?

Answer

1. Between 1 January 2010 and 31 December 2013, 74 322 young people were assisted by the Youth Connections programme.
2. For each calendar year the outcome rates have been similar; around 59 per cent of young people achieve a final outcome which represents re-engagement with education, training or employment.
3. The total level of Government investment in the Youth Connections programme is \$363.5 million.
4. There are 67 organisations contracted to provide services in 113 regions.
5. and 6. Information for the Youth Connections programme has been provided broken down by Youth Attainment and Transitions (YAT) service regions. Attachment A provides the following information for the Youth Connections programme:
 - a) Number of participants in the program, for each year of operation (2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013) and whole of program (2010-2013), for all YAT service regions.
 - b) 2014 outcome ranges for YAT regions. Under the services contract each Youth Connections provider is required to deliver outcomes for a specified number of young people provided as an outcome range. Providers are expected to deliver at least the minimum number of outcomes given in the range. The outcome ranges for YAT regions have remained largely the same over the life of the programme. Outcome ranges have been provided rather than the actual number of outcomes achieved by region, as the latter would enable a direct assessment of provider performance and could be considered commercially sensitive.

c) Total government investment in the programme for all YAT regions.

The boundaries for many YAT regions do not align with electoral boundaries. Youth Attainment and Transitions Region maps can be located at:

<http://education.gov.au/youth-connections-resources-reports-and-research>

Outcomes, Youth Connections Participant numbers and funding, by YAT region

Region Number	Region Name	Annual outcome range (see note a)		Youth Connections Participants (see note b)					Total Region Funding 1 Jan 2010 – 31 Dec 2014 (GST Inclusive) (see note c)
		minimum	maximum	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total 2010-2013	
ACT01	Australian Capital Territory	300	350	231	349	424	365	1131	\$6,128,042.92
NSW01	Sydney Eastern Suburbs	180	220	183	305	288	255	746	\$4,125,685.90
NSW02	St.George-Canterbury	150	190	199	209	211	222	662	\$3,450,168.43
NSW03	Sutherland	145	185	127	278	218	187	621	\$3,342,363.11
NSW04	Lower North Sydney	155	195	190	208	189	230	704	\$3,651,789.55
NSW05	Northern Beaches	135	175	176	140	123	152	434	\$3,155,592.19
NSW06	Central Northern Sydney	145	185	176	196	193	201	613	\$3,364,664.11
NSW07	Central Western Sydney	155	195	210	233	232	244	734	\$3,596,807.50
NSW08	Blacktown	200	240	238	316	296	229	819	\$4,549,405.00
NSW09	Outer Western Sydney	200	240	436	528	512	409	1576	\$4,494,203.15
NSW10	Bankstown & Inner Western Sydney	210	250	278	308	302	324	931	\$4,876,482.33
NSW11	Upper Outer South Western & Fairfield-Liverpool	220	260	246	326	321	284	978	\$4,783,753.98
NSW12	Lower Outer South Western Sydney	190	230	250	325	275	276	1015	\$4,299,568.35
NSW13	Southern Tablelands & Snowy	155	195	136	278	302	317	833	\$3,573,736.03
NSW14	Illawarra-Wollongong	245	285	336	346	438	366	1154	\$5,505,211.25
NSW15	Lower South Coast	165	205	230	279	286	279	798	\$3,805,108.96
NSW16	Central Murrumbidgee- Wagga Wagga	170	210	244	375	425	282	898	\$3,872,011.97
NSW17	Lower Murrumbidgee	170	210	276	299	435	263	906	\$3,844,135.72
NSW18	Central Murray-Albury	160	200	200	247	229	251	618	\$3,696,391.56
NSW19	Central Tablelands-Lachlan	190	230	298	384	349	361	1056	\$4,222,098.65

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NSW20	Central Macquarie	185	225	204	387	288	240	814	\$4,209,314.67
NSW21	Upper Darling	190	230	271	464	384	351	1111	\$4,301,306.32
NSW22	Far West and Murray Darling	180	220	207	253	244	238	661	\$3,995,782.55
NSW23	Lower New England	175	215	293	408	356	336	994	\$3,948,187.93
NSW24	Upper New England	185	225	222	297	299	323	729	\$4,142,411.66
NSW25	Richmond-Tweed	205	245	345	357	367	312	1038	\$4,544,316.70
NSW26	Clarence-Coffs Harbour	210	250	315	427	389	375	1138	\$4,703,517.50
NSW27	Hastings-Port Macquarie	210	250	271	284	285	285	955	\$4,685,998.65
NSW28	Hunter	190	230	258	449	496	404	1242	\$4,316,169.00
NSW29	Newcastle	230	270	337	333	353	341	1061	\$5,049,364.38
NSW30	Gosford-Wyong	210	250	416	422	252	299	1106	\$4,991,251.02
NT01	Darwin and Tiwi	79	119	143	216	190	65	435	\$2,284,389.26
NT02 (d)	Arnhem	83	123	50	84	79	11	138	\$2,496,260.85
NT03	Victoria - Daly, Katherine and Roper Gulf	80	120	67	174	173	43	308	\$2,316,365.03
NT04 (d)	Central Desert and Barkly	79	119	116	63	95	61	198	\$2,281,884.22
NT05 (d)	MacDonnell and Alice Springs	76	116	68	53	111	79	182	\$2,223,936.90
QLD01	Ipswich and Logan Cities	406	470	316	534	485	591	1376	9,870,264.67
QLD02	Moreton Bay	330	382	385	462	558	549	1320	7,838,006.23
QLD03	Brisbane North and West	248	287	119	278	276	303	651	6,331,742.35
QLD04	Brisbane South East and Redland City	279	323	255	381	376	345	932	6,638,223.98
QLD05	Gold Coast	399	462	615	716	605	617	1824	10,188,340.46
QLD06	Sunshine Coast	228	264	275	261	293	258	852	5,427,255.82
QLD07	West Moreton	115	134	144	157	163	238	616	2,739,905.21
QLD08	Wide Bay-Burnett	320	370	588	726	709	621	1814	7,491,275.88

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QLD09	Darling Downs	206	239	245	324	290	325	903	4,897,584.23
QLD10	South West	29	33	51	58	57	44	150	1,975,312.52
QLD11	Fitzroy	186	215	159	293	257	255	659	4,637,373.97
QLD12	Central West	29	33	28	30	50	63	119	2,120,764.49
QLD13	Mackay	135	156	195	300	280	229	757	3,199,137.15
QLD14	Northern	172	199	233	327	249	250	777	4,078,591.44
QLD15	Far North	230	266	260	309	405	339	1079	5,460,548.30
QLD16	North West	30	35	54	39	33	57	135	2,218,737.75
SA01	Eastern Adelaide	100	140	56	77	147	135	308	\$2,396,284.57
SA02	Northern Adelaide	80	120	94	121	153	197	407	\$2,079,050.21
SA03	Southern Adelaide	80	120	82	130	118	118	341	\$1,967,347.41
SA04	Western Adelaide	80	120	76	104	120	101	326	\$1,967,347.41
SA05	Adelaide Hills	90	130	146	169	133	144	390	\$2,195,728.24
SA06	Barossa	100	140	118	181	200	115	419	\$2,340,099.34
SA07	Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island	60	100	124	135	114	118	327	\$1,594,114.44
SA08	Eyre and Western	130	170	136	189	138	176	396	\$2,952,256.16
SA09	Far North and APY lands	125	175	52	116	145	109	295	\$3,067,858.62
SA10	Limestone Coast	115	155	120	113	123	135	319	\$2,701,433.20
SA11	Murray and Mallee	75	115	81	99	106	120	297	\$1,870,128.02
SA12	Yorke and Mid North	80	120	119	157	122	109	385	\$1,931,404.71
SA13	Specialised Services	30	50	41	50	48	43	129	\$1,686,297.78
TAS01 (d)	South-East	123	153	79	235	166	161	477	\$2,311,053.07
TAS02	South	155	190	155	108	128	161	421	\$2,341,590.95
TAS03	North	157	192	137	261	263	237	627	\$2,365,507.50

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TAS04	North-West	155	189	184	180	200	227	635	\$2,403,092.05
VIC01	Outer Eastern	241	295	198	329	374	331	912	6,018,352.77
VIC02	Gateway	170	208	181	208	224	225	652	4,240,511.22
VIC03	Inner Eastern	120	147	146	175	169	177	528	2,991,050.85
VIC04	Bayside Glen Eira Kingston	157	191	165	229	225	229	628	3,906,951.45
VIC05	South East	280	342	365	543	601	566	1490	6,975,736.58
VIC06	Frankston Mornington Peninsula	201	246	248	294	248	267	769	5,013,516.52
VIC07	Brimbank Melton	186	227	210	333	309	326	794	4,569,910.82
VIC08	WynBay	154	188	267	314	253	269	820	3,784,052.48
VIC09	Capital City	74	91	61	103	96	129	302	1,860,688.87
VIC10	Maribyrnong Moonee Valley	98	120	154	128	165	147	429	2,407,636.15
VIC11	Banyule Nillumbik	118	145	135	208	160	183	463	2,930,239.94
VIC12	Inner Northern	154	188	227	250	232	259	681	3,817,289.02
VIC13	Hume Whittlesea	217	265	315	395	382	404	999	5,514,608.48
VIC14	Smart Geelong Region	170	208	195	211	220	207	597	4,241,225.74
VIC15	South West	93	113	118	147	147	159	362	2,308,651.33
VIC16	Glenelg and Southern Grampians	70	86	76	84	90	71	206	1,750,286.57
VIC17	Wimmera Southern Mallee	64	78	99	114	66	65	224	1,595,191.00
VIC18	Central Grampians	57	70	79	81	71	70	185	1,420,577.22
VIC19	Highlands	132	161	238	233	323	311	718	3,294,623.55
VIC20	Goulburn Murray	108	132	122	226	214	225	529	2,800,283.10
VIC21	Central Ranges	89	109	73	164	158	225	440	2,223,447.98
VIC22	North East Tracks	70	85	118	123	137	134	360	1,708,183.04
VIC23	North East	86	105	128	157	157	124	435	2,119,591.36

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VIC24	Northern Mallee	86	106	104	128	159	169	391	2,122,473.17
VIC25	North Central	52	63	70	82	82	76	191	1,267,865.35
VIC26	Murray Mallee	64	79	72	98	113	101	262	1,584,247.01
VIC27	Campaspe Cohuna	68	83	84	171	178	121	410	1,694,835.66
VIC28	Goldfields	128	157	180	184	155	157	486	3,199,297.52
VIC29	South Gippsland Bass Coast	71	87	93	97	103	124	320	1,768,321.32
VIC30	Baw Baw Latrobe	114	139	126	167	190	264	529	2,831,148.95
VIC31	Gippsland East	89	109	226	278	249	165	627	2,195,052.87
WA01	Albany	110	150	121	140	141	165	426	\$2,623,135.96
WA02	Bunbury	130	170	180	156	148	192	465	\$2,991,394.79
WA03	Canning	185	225	366	481	219	283	945	\$4,079,174.71
WA04 and 06	Esperance and Goldfields	160	200	152	150	187	197	450	\$3,586,274.43
WA05	Fremantle - Peel	230	270	557	501	480	472	1569	\$4,990,591.10
WA07	Kimberley	110	150	131	188	162	179	399	\$3,212,350.08
WA08	Mid West	135	175	194	209	176	216	485	\$3,127,367.28
WA09 and 10	Midlands and Narrogin	145	185	143	180	196	199	485	\$3,264,794.50
WA11	Pilbara	110	145	141	237	230	219	546	\$3,342,657.05
WA12	Swan	185	225	172	228	233	208	694	\$4,084,840.23
WA13	Warren - Blackwood	110	150	107	131	179	140	361	\$2,628,801.48
WA14	West Coast	180	220	234	339	310	369	958	\$4,022,519.51
Total				21336	27414	26830	25869	74322	\$402,221,084.41

Explanatory Notes:

- (a) Outcome ranges are those specified in the Service Plans for providers as part of their contractual arrangements.
- (b) The participant counts for each year show the number of individuals participating in the Youth Connections programme each year, irrespective of whether these individuals achieved an outcome. Note that the sum of individuals by year will not add to the overall 2010-2013 total as individuals can participate in the program over multiple years.
- (c) Total Region Funding includes: Youth Connections programme funding; an additional \$1.4 million in 2012 and 2013 for Youth Connections providers to better support teenage parents in 10 pilot locations as part of the Building Australia's Future Workforce (BAWF) measures introduced in the 2011-12 budget; and funding separately allocated for the increases allocated under the Social and Community Services - Modern Award (SACS). All funding is Commonwealth Government funding.
- (d) Four regions have changed providers over the programme period. Funding amounts are total amounts for the region, including funding provided to former and current provider.