

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. ED0382_14

Senator Siewert provided in writing.

Question

Youth Connect Program

How many people are currently being assisted on this program? What is the profile breakdown of these people? What is the unit cost of the program? What services are currently offered?

Answer

On 12 March 2014, 8607 young people were active in the Youth Connections programme. These young people are:

Gender	Percentage of Participants
Female	47%
Male	53%

Characteristic	Percentage of Participants
Indigenous Australian	19%

Age	Number of Participants
8	2
9	5
10	14
11	83
12	208
13	472
14	1118
15	1698
16	1896
17	1558
18	911
19	425

20	162
21	36
22	9
23	5
24	2
25	3

The Youth Connections programme does not set a unit price for delivery of services. Based on the number of young people who received support in the programme in 2013, an approximate unit cost is \$3,185 per participant.

Providers are contracted to deliver three types of services in each region: Individual Support Services, with a contracted number of people to achieve outcomes for each year; Targeted Engagement Services to actively find and connect with severely disengaged young people; and Regional Coordination Services to strengthen local responses for at-risk young people.