

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Question

Teach for Australia

CHAIR: From the way you have described it, would the department therefore consider the program is meeting its objectives? People have gone through it; have they been retained, having been selected and mentored through that process? You can take it on notice if you have to. Mr Cook: I might take the numbers on notice. I think the majority of teachers are retained. There is some loss, but there always is in teaching programs. Mr Cook: We did talk about it last time. There might be some updated figures, which we can certainly provide as well.

Answer

a) Cohort 1: 45 started the Teach for Australia Programme in 2010 and 43 completed the programme in 2011. Of these, 20 are still teaching in 2014, 18 in Victoria, and one each in the ACT and Tasmania.

b) Cohort 2: 43 started the Teach for Australia Programme in 2011 and 43 completed the programme in 2012. Of these, 19 are still teaching in 2014, 15 in Victoria, 2 in the ACT, 1 in NSW and 1 teaching overseas.

c) Cohort 3: 40 started the Teach for Australia Programme in 2012 and 39 completed the programme in 2013. Of these, 27 are still teaching in 2014, 20 in Victoria, 5 in the ACT, 2 in the NT.

Cohorts 4 and 5 are currently undertaking the programme so retention data is not yet available.