

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy

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Question

**National Green Jobs Corps - Completions And Withdrawals By State And
Territory**

Senator ABETZ: Can you provide a certain date, a breakdown by state and territory, how many participants have completed the program, and what percentage thus far have withdrawn from the program early? Then can you indicate to us the reason, if it is available, they have withdrawn?

Answer

There are a number of reasons a participant leaves the National Green Jobs Corps program. When a participant exits a place, for whatever reason, the provider can commence another participant in that place.

National Green Jobs Corps providers will advise a participant's referring agency (Centrelink, Job Services Australia or Disability Employment Service provider) of their exit and exit reason. The referring agency will then, where appropriate, take action to ensure the participant undertakes activities that meet their individual needs and satisfy their activity test or participation requirements.

The reasons participants leave National Green Jobs Corp are detailed below:

Reason	Description
Graduate	Participant completed 26 weeks in the program.
Employment and Training Outcomes	Participant has left the program prior to completing 26 weeks to undertake employment or full-time study/training. Please note: While participants who obtain an effective exit do leave the program prior to completing 26 weeks, an effective exit is considered a positive outcome for the participant and the program.
Voluntary Exit	Participant advised they will no longer be participating in the program.
Moving from the area	Participant has moved from the area and does not want to undertake a project in their new area.
Medical reasons	Participant has left the program due to medical reasons that will prevent completion.
Failure to attend	Participant has been exited as they have failed to attend the project and the provider has taken the appropriate measures to contact the participant to determine the participant is not returning.
Special circumstances	Participant cannot continue in the program due to unforeseen personal circumstances.
Ineligible	Participant does not meet eligibility for participation in the program (for reasons including their age, assessed partial capacity to work, full-time student status or are already participating in a non-concurrent activity such as Work for the Dole or Green Corps) after referral and commencement in a project. Once it has been determined by Centrelink that these participants are not eligible to participate in the program, the National Green Jobs Corps provider is required to exit them.

The following tables provide details of the state by state breakdown of the number of participants completing or withdrawing from the program, the percentage of participants who have withdrawn and their reasons for doing so:

Graduates, Employment and Training Outcomes, and Other Exits up to 31 March 2011									
State/Territory	Total commencements	Active Participants	Percentage	Graduates and Employment and Training Outcomes				Other Exits	
				Graduates	Employment and Training Outcomes	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage
Australian Capital Territory	70	7	10.0%	11	7	18	25.7%	45	64.2%
New South Wales	2136	624	29.2%	397	285	682	31.9%	830	38.9%
Northern Territory	141	47	33.3%	11	7	18	12.8%	76	54%
Queensland	1789	388	21.7%	263	285	548	30.6%	853	47.7%
South Australia	671	169	25.2%	129	83	212	31.6%	290	43.2%
Tasmania	412	101	24.5%	74	48	122	29.6%	189	45.9%
Victoria	1524	363	23.9%	257	234	491	32.2%	670	44%
Western Australia	627	183	29.2%	129	68	197	31.4%	247	39.4%
TOTAL	7370	1882	25.5%	1271	1017	2288	31%	3200	43.4%

Reasons for early withdrawal from the program up to 31 March 2011										
State/Territory	Employment and Training Outcomes up to 31 March 2011			Other Exits up to 31 March 2011						
	Employment	Training	Total	Voluntary Exit	Moving from the area	Medical reasons	Failure to attend	Special circumstances	Ineligible	Total
Australian Capital Territory	6	1	7	11	0	0	34	0	0	45
New South Wales	242	43	285	161	36	18	589	4	22	830
Northern Territory	7	0	7	12	12	1	44	3	4	76
Queensland	245	40	285	206	36	28	556	6	21	853
South Australia	67	16	83	46	7	2	227	1	7	290
Tasmania	37	11	48	29	9	7	141	1	2	189
Victoria	177	57	234	203	21	26	393	7	20	670
Western Australia	55	13	68	30	16	6	191	1	3	247
TOTAL	836	181	1017	698	137	88	2175	23	79	3200