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Question

Green Corps And National Green Jobs Corp - Number Of Projects And Participants And Funding Per Participant

Senator ABETZ: Yes, it is spooky, Senator Bilyk. I was just about to ask how many participants but not in relation to Mt Wellington but overall with the Green Corps. How many projects do we have underway at the moment? Can you give us a table on that, as with the National Green Jobs Corps? In relation to these programs, how much funding is currently provided per participant in a Green Corps program and how does that compare to the amount per participant for the National Green Jobs Corp? Ms Paul: Well, why don't we just add that to the overall tables on each of them? Senator ABETZ: Yes, you could.

Answer

On 31 March 2011 there were 235 National Green Jobs Corps active projects and 87 Green Corps activities.

Green Corps funding

Funding is not provided 'per participant' for job seekers participating in Green Corps activities under Job Services Australia.

Funding for Green Corps activities is available through the Employment Pathway Fund. The Employment Pathway Fund is a flexible pool of funds that can be drawn down by Job Services Australia providers to establish Work Experience Activities (of which Green Corps is one) for job seekers. Job Services Australia providers have the flexibility to determine how the Employment Pathway Fund will be used.

National Green Jobs Corps funding

National Green Jobs Corps funding is paid per place, not per participant. A National Green Jobs Corps place is 26 weeks in duration and there can be multiple participants occupying one place.

National Green Jobs Corps providers are paid up to $8 250 per completed place (paid in three instalments over 26 weeks). This payment covers all costs associated with the conduct and administration of the program.

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