

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012-2013**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator Wright provided in writing.

Question

Teach for Australia

Is the department collecting data on the number of participating individuals, schools since the program's creation to date, and any other information indicating the success or otherwise of the program? If yes, please provide a summary of this data.

Answer

Data is being collected and provided to the Department by both program partners, Teach For Australia and the University of Melbourne. The program is also being evaluated by the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER).

ACER Evaluation findings

Key findings from Phase 1 of the evaluation include identification of the following strengths:

- the use of a rigorous selection process;
- the quality of the University of Melbourne's preparation program; and
- the provision of significant support to the participants.

The Phase 2 report confirmed the above strengths, and identified one other, the development of a community of participants, and their support for each other.

Number of participants

128¹ graduates have been recruited via 3 recruitment rounds to date (45, 42 and 41 respectively). Of these:

- 127 commenced in placement schools (45, 42, 40 respectively); and
- 123 have either graduated or are 'on track' to graduate from the program (42 graduated from Cohort 1, 42 on-track from Cohort 2 and 39 on-track from Cohort 3).

Number of participating schools

A total of 44 schools have hosted participants: 32 Victorian government schools, 7 ACT government schools and 3 Victorian Catholic schools.

¹ There have been 3 resignations and 1 withdrawal to date.