



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY INCLUSION

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**Inquiry into referred 2019–20 Annual and Financial Reports**  
**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE**  
**5 March 2021**

Asked by PETER CAIN MLA:

In relation to:

**MR CAIN:** So how many of the Ginninderry SPARK clients, for want of a better word, actually work on that Ginninderry development, Riverview development?

**Ms Andersen:** So as a requirement of JobTrainer, the learners either have to be unemployed or young people aged 17 to 24, and their employment status does not matter.

**MR CAIN:** Yes.

**Ms Andersen:** Most of the people that go through Ginninderry programs are unemployed. But they often will be offered an employment opportunity as a result of doing the course and the on the job learning they experience.

**MR CAIN:** Sorry, so where are they actually doing the work under the Ginninderry SPARK program?

**Ms Andersen:** It depends on the nature of the course. So there is—

**MR CAIN:** But at Ginninderry itself, as part of—

**Ms Anderson:** Yes, there is certainly elements of different courses—

**MR CAIN:** And what proportion, roughly, are actually doing the work, the labour, at Ginninderry?

**Ms Anderson:** I will have to take that question on notice based on the number of enrolments that Ginninderry attracts for those different streams.

**CHRIS STEEL MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The SPARK Training and Employment Initiative provides accredited training to students and facilitates industry work placements and connections to employment opportunities post-graduation. SPARK works with a broad range of employers and industry associations, across the industries relevant to their training programs, to create these opportunities – including their contractors on site at Ginninderry.



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Riverview Projects ACT does not directly employ students or graduates of SPARK programs. Riverview Projects ACT include a requirement for unpaid industry work experience placements and job opportunities in contracting agreements with contractors. These opportunities are limited to industry areas relevant to the works on site (i.e. construction).

Construction students may also complete some of their practical accredited training on live training sites at Ginninderry. For the JobTrainer SPARK training programs, live training sites will include the Strathnairn Charity House and garden beds at the Strathnairn Arts Centre.

Construction students will comprise approximately 50 of the 190 (approximately 26 per cent) JobTrainer places offered through the SPARK Training and Employment Initiative.

<b>JobTrainer SPARK Program</b>	<b>Number of places available</b>	<b>Practical training</b>
Women in Trades	15	Live training site
Women in Civil Construction	15	Work experience
Construction Taster	20	Live training site
School Leaver Industry Taster	60	Off site
Early Childhood Education and Care	20	Off site
Community Services Taster	20	Off site
IT Taster	20	Off site
Conservation Taster	20	

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