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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by Mr Andrew Braddock MLA on 24 August 2022: Dr John Boersig took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Dr Boersig: Can I say that this is my favourite program. I mean, this is a program funded by the Education Department, it was an initiative here in the ACT. It is working very well and in the sense that a bit like the conversation in relation to Mr Braddock, we are—we have those lawyers that are going out on a fortnightly basis to all the colleges on a regular basis.

What that means, is it is a place where young people can come, the statistics, I do not have them here, but the statistics are very promising, I think the—my recollection is the first two terms of this year we saw 130, mostly young people but sometimes mums as well.

MR BRADDOCK: Sorry, just to interrupt shortly, can you please put the statistics on notice, because I would be interested in seeing those down the track.

Dr Boersig: I can, yes, yes, we have just done a report on that one, I am pretty sure it was around 130, but I will double check that. Being in a place where young people find comfortable, and can disclose, and get advice, confidentially, has been crucial in the success of that program.

Look, I have been, you know, doing this for just around 40 years now and I generally have failed getting to young people before they make decisions. This program is doing that, which is why I am so excited about what we can achieve here, and it is just the right place to be.

Chief Executive Officer of the ACT Legal Aid Commission, Dr John Boersig: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The College Project participation statistics for Term 1 and Term 2 of 2022 are as follows:

College	Service Count
Canberra College	21
Dickson College	13
Erindale College	22
Gungahlin College	38
Hawker College	4
Lake Ginninderra	11
Lake Tuggeranong	14
Melba Copland College	1
Narrabundah College	6
Total	130

Help to	Service Count
Staff	10
Student	120
Total	130

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By the Chief Executive Officer of the ACT Legal Aid Commission, Dr John Boersig