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Inquiry into referred 2016–17 Annual and Financial Reports
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
16 November 2017

Asked by MRS DUNNE:

In relation to: Kickstart my Career Program

1. What sort of statistics do you collect about the Kickstart my Career program?
 - a. How many young people have been supported?
 - b. How many of those remain in school?
 - c. How do you verify that?
 - d. How many have gone on to worthwhile careers as a result of being supported by the program?
 - e. What is the nature of the support that is offered for the KickStart program?

MINISTER GENTLEMAN: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

- 1a. How many young people have been supported?

A total of 10 programs have been trialled in the 2016/2017 period. They range from 2 hour sessions (including Year 5 & 6 and Bimberi), full day and up to 10 week programs.

To date, 124 students have signed up to the programs with 107 completing. 9 students have also successfully completed 2 competencies of a Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management certificate.

(See attachment A.)

- 1b. How many of those remain in school?

All of the students are currently still in school with the exception of:

- Students who have completed year 12 studies;
- Students in Bimberi;
- 2 CIT students; and
- 1 year 12 student now currently working full time.



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1c. How do you verify that?

Checks are made through the year with Schools, families and students.

1d. How many have gone on to worthwhile careers as a result of being supported by the program?

All senior students (year 10 – year 12), have had pathway plan meetings to discuss career and study options. The following has also been arranged with many of the students:

- Work experience placements;
- Resume development;
- Applications for jobs and addressing selection criteria; and
- Scholarship applications.

Many students who graduated from year 12 last year still contact for support and are also forwarded job, study and scholarship notices. The most recent check in with students from 2016, showed all students are working full or part time.

1e. What is the nature of the support that is offered for the KickStart program?

Students are exposed to a variety of different facilitators and educational settings including:

- Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT);
- Greening Australia;
- Traditional Owners and their Businesses; and
- Parks and Conservation –Murumbung Rangers.

All of the programs have been taking the students out on country to learn about Aboriginal culture, local history through engagement of Ngunnawal traditional owners. Students also learn conservation and land management skills at the Greening Australia Nursery.

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By the Minister for Environment and Heritage, Mick Gentleman MLA