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Senator Urquhart asked:

On the website it talks about 67 young people that participated in the Bush Mob Program. It also then says there were 109 people that were signed up to the Program. What happened to the other 42 - were they people who assisted the young people or were they people who dropped off the program?

Please provide information on which areas the 67 participants came from.

Does FaHCSIA or other Departments measure the success of these programs?

Will there be a fifth trek in 2012?

Answer:

Sixty seven young people with significant alcohol and drug (including volatile substance) use issues participated in the Bush Mob horse trek on 27 June to 1 July 2011. The additional 42 participants included stockmen, cooks, traditional owners, representatives from other service agencies, families and carers.

Clients in the program came from Alice Springs, Aputula, Papunya and Santa Teresa, as well as from Tasmania and Queensland.

FaHCSIA requires that funded organisations report against agreed Key Performance Indicators. Bush Mob furnished a complete report (financial and performance) in August 2011 in relation to the FaHCSIA contribution of \$15,000 (GST exclusive).

Bush Mob and other substance misuse treatment facilities are generally funded by the Department of Health and Ageing and the relevant state or territory government. The long term outcomes achieved for clients is monitored through regular reporting to those agencies.

We understand that Bush Mob is planning a further trek in 2012.