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**Senator Siewert asked:**

Is there a guarantee of minimum work hours for participants?

**Answer:**

It is expected that participants will make a full-time commitment to attend 30 hours per week for 20-26 weeks in the Programme. In addition, part-time participation of between 15 and 29 hours per week may be negotiated under exceptional circumstances. All requests for approval for part-time participation will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Service Provider in consultation with the Department of the Environment. These requirements are specified in the Deed of Standing Offer through which Service Providers will be engaged by the Department of the Environment. Participation in Green Army project activities will also be outlined in Participant Agreements between Service Providers and Green Army Participants, including hours of attendance and a training plan.