

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
**Environment portfolio**

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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

1. How many people have been trained through the Green Army?
2. How many of those completed their training?
3. What qualifications do those who have completed their training now hold?
4. How many of those who have completed training now work in the environment sector?

**Answer:**

1. As at 31 August 2015, 3,450 participants have been engaged in the Green Army and have been provided the opportunity to undertake training.
2. All participants complete mandatory Work Health and Safety and First Aid training. Additional training is provided to participants taking into account their individual learning and development needs, such as prior learning, existing skills and special needs.
3. Participants gain a variety of qualifications under the Green Army programme by undertaking a diverse range of training activities. Some of the nationally recognised training units being achieved by participants to date include: *Apply chemicals under supervision; Undertake propagation activities; Treat Weeds; Carry out natural area restoration works; Follow OHS procedures; Provide First Aid; Recognise plants; Use routine strategies for work related learning; Plant Trees and Shrubs; Work safely in the construction industry; Trim and cross cut felled trees; Operate and maintain chainsaws; Follow basic chemical safety rules; Operate basic machinery and equipment; Install, Maintain and Repair Fencing; and Maintain cultural places.*
4. Data on participant employment after they have completed their Green Army project is not collected. As of 30 September 2015, 73 per cent of participants surveyed agreed that the programme was useful in finding employment. Some participants have gone on to become Green Army Team Supervisors, gained apprenticeships with local councils or found other work with organisations involved in projects.