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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2013-2014

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

Teach for Australia - teaching STEM subjects

Senator O'NEILL: My first questions relate to the achievement of the Improving Teacher Quality National Partnership and to the fifth cohort of Teach For Australia participants. In table 2.26a, on page 59, of the portfolio budget statement, it does not provide a number of program participants for the 2014 year. Are you able to provide an update?

Ms Gordon: The PBS provides the numbers for the 2012-13 year and 2013-14. The government has committed to cohort 5 which starts in schools in 2014 and then 2015. We are anticipating that there will be 50 associates for the year, starting in schools next year, but they are currently finalising the recruitment and matching process of those. So there are up to 50 places available, and we are anticipating that those will all be filled but they are still finalising that process.

Senator O'NEILL: Some may have been selected? Or none of them are currently selected?

Ms Gordon: Yes. So they are going through a selection and matching process and we are anticipating that those 50 places will be filled.

Senator O'NEILL: How many of these participants will be teaching STEM subjects?

Ms Gordon: That information I do not have to hand. We do not have the information yet about the matching to particular positions at this stage. We will not know those probably until later this month.

Senator O'NEILL: Can we take them in anticipation on notice? Can we do that?

Ms Gordon: Yes. We can.

Senator O'NEILL: Thank you. Please provide me with the numbers teaching that; and also participants by state and the schools they are going to be placed in, if possible.

Answer

Of the 50 Cohort 5 Associates commencing in schools in 2014, 22 have been placed in positions teaching science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects.

The table below identifies participants by state and territory and the schools they will be placed in:

School	State	No. of Cohort 5 Associates
Charles La Trobe P-12	VIC	2
Dimboola Memorial Secondary College	VIC	2
Emerald Secondary College	VIC	1
Euroa Secondary College	VIC	2
Keysborough Secondary College	VIC	1
Koo Wee Rup Secondary College	VIC	1
Melton Secondary College	VIC	2
Mill Park Secondary College	VIC	5
Mooroopna Secondary College	VIC	2
Nathalia Secondary College	VIC	1
Numurkah Secondary College	VIC	2
Portland Secondary College	VIC	3
Stawell Secondary College	VIC	1
The Grange P-12 College	VIC	2
Warracknabeal Secondary College	VIC	3
Warrnambool Secondary College	VIC	2
Hoppers Crossing Secondary College	VIC	2
Glenroy Secondary College	VIC	1
Northern Bay P-12 College	VIC	4
Alamanda K-9	VIC	2
Ararat Secondary College	VIC	3
Horsham Secondary College	VIC	1
Canberra College	ACT	2
Calwell High School	ACT	1
Gold Creek High School	ACT	2