

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

Teach for Australia – number retaining a place in teaching profession

Senator O'NEILL: What is the retention? Has it been 50 each year for—how many years?

Ms Gordon: In terms of the number that complete the program, in the first cohort there were three associates that started the program that did not complete.

Senator O'NEILL: Of 50—is that correct?

Ms Gordon: Of 45. In cohort 1 we had 45 complete the initial intensive and then 42 complete the program. In cohort 2 there were 42 that started and 42 that completed. In cohort 3, 41 completed the initial intensive and 39 completed the program. And in cohort 4 we had 50 start and at this stage we have 47 of those continuing.

Senator O'NEILL: And that is at the end of one year?

Ms Gordon: The program is over two years. So those are the anticipated completion rates for those cohorts.

Senator O'NEILL: And of the original cohort, how many have retained a place in the teaching profession?

Ms Gordon: I do not have that information here.

Senator O'NEILL: Could you just take that on notice. Ms Gordon: Yes.

Answer

Of the 42 Cohort 1 Associates who completed the programme in December 2011, 24 were teaching in Australian schools in December 2013.