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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Improved access to the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Sinodinos

QUESTION No.: AI-190

1. Under the improved access, how many more people have undertaken a Language, Literacy and Numeracy program?
2. Is the Department tracking how many complete this training? If so, how many?

ANSWER

1. The Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program (LLNP) under improved access has the following target commencements:

| | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | Total |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|
| Commencements previously funded | 17,585 | 17,849 | 18,116 | 18,000 | 71,550 |
| Additional commencement target under improved access | 3,415 | 5,151 | 8,884 | 12,000 | 29,950 |
| Total commencements funded | 21,000 | 23,000* | 27,000 | 30,000 | 101,500 |

*Revised from 23,500 to 23,000 in 2012-13 Financial Year as a result of a reduction in funding of \$4million

In 2011-12 LLNP exceeded the commencement target of 21,000 by 122 commencements (total 21,122).

LLNP is on track to meet the annual target of 23,000 commencements for the 2012-13 financial year with 15,016 commencements from 1 July 2012 to 28 February 2013.

2. Program Completions (based on commencement date):

| Year | 2011-12 | 2012-13 |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Total ¹ | 10,970 ² | 3,589 ² |

1) Data as at 1 March 2013

2) Please note that there is a lag time for recording completion rates resulting in the figures taking 4-9 months to be representative.