

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

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**Senator Back asked on 16 February 2012, Hansard page 66**

**Question**

**Teach for Australia pilot program**

Senator BACK: I want to go to the Teach for Australia pilot program placing non-teaching graduates after six weeks training into disadvantaged schools. I think it is correct that \$22 million was allocated from the budget for this program. Forty-five graduates began the program in 2010 and the advice to me is that half of them are no longer teaching; is that correct? Ms Davy: Yes, \$22 million is the contract price for the program. Yes, in cohort 1 there were 45 associates. Of those 45 associates that started in cohort 1, three withdrew during that process and so we are talking about 42. Of that 42, 25 were placed in schools teaching this year. Senator BACK: And the others? Ms Davy: I would have to check, but I think there are seven who are currently doing further education study and others have taken other opportunities in other employment.

**Answer**

Forty five associates began the program in Cohort 1 and 42 of those graduated in December 2011. Of the 45 associates who began in Cohort 1, two withdrew during the first year in their placement school and one did not successfully complete their university studies.

As at 27 February 2012, of the 42 associates who graduated:

- 27 associates are now teaching in Australian schools
- five are currently doing further study in education
- one is taking parenting leave
- one is employed in education other than classroom teaching,
- six are employed outside of education
- two are travelling and their employment status is not known.