

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET SENATE ESTIMATES HEARING
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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: Efficient and effective labour market assistance

Output Group 1.2: Labour market programme management and delivery

Output 1.2.2: Employment Services

Question Number: W903-07

Question:

Senator Wong asked in writing:

Green Corps – Please explain how training works, what qualification is provided and how much this costs.

Answer:

Clause 5.28 of Part D Specific Conditions for Green Corps of the Employment Services Funding Deed 2006-2009 requires that the Funding Recipient must:

- assess the training needs of each Green Corps participant;
- provide on-the-project training;
- provide career counselling; and
- provide a minimum of 134 hours of accredited training per Green Corps placement.

Accredited training is defined as ‘a programme of structured, formal training for a minimum period of 134 hours for each Green Corps participant that is recognised by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training and includes first aid and occupational health and safety. The training must be conducted by an accredited training provider and allow each Green Corps participant to undertake and complete a certificate at AQF Certificate Level 1. In most instances, participants also complete modules at AQF certificate Level 2. On-the-project training is defined as ‘the practical experience gained by Green Corps participants involved in Green Corps projects. Typical modules undertaken by Green Corps participants include topics such as horticulture, landscaping and preparing for work.

The cost of training is factored into the Administration Fee tendered by service providers and is not available to the Department.