

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 122.

Question

Clean Sustainable Skills Package

Senator ABETZ—If you could take on notice how many of the 50,000 places have been taken up, that would be appreciated.

Ms Paul—Sure.

Senator ABETZ—And how many green jobs have actually resulted, and then what the total cost of the program is.

Answer

The Australian Government's Clean Sustainable Skills Package includes the following elements:

1. *10 000 places for young job seekers to build their skills through participating in an environmental work experience and training program*

National Green Jobs Corps (NGJC) commenced on 1 January 2010, with 5 000 places allocated for this calendar year. As at 31 August 2010, 3 786 participants have commenced in the program.

The NGJC has a budget of \$79.6 million over two years.

2. *30 000 apprentices in carbon exposed industries will graduate over the next two years with qualifications that include clean and green skills, and all new apprentices commencing after 1 January 2010 will graduate with a core set of green skills, knowledge and training*

Industry Skills Councils (ISCs) are carrying out a review of Training Packages to incorporate skills for sustainability. The review is to be substantially completed by December 2010 under the Green Skills Agreement.

The budget for the Green Skills Agreement is \$5.3 million over four years.

It is expected that most apprentices in carbon exposed industries will fall within the Technicians and Trades Workers (Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO)) occupational group. The following data relates to this group:

- Commencements in 12 months ending 31 March 2010 - 85 000
- In-training as at 31 March 2010 - 207 400

(Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) Australian vocational education and training statistics, Apprentices and trainees, March quarter, 2010)

3. *4 000 training opportunities for insulation installers upon completion of their employment in this field*

The training opportunities are provided under the Australian Apprenticeships Access (Access) Program (2 000 places) and the Language Literacy and Numeracy Program (LLNP) (2 000 places).

From 1 January 2010, 19 former ceiling insulation installers were referred to the Access Program and of those seven have commenced training (as at 18 October 2010).

From 1 January 2010, 17 former ceiling insulation installers were referred to the LLNP and of those 11 have commenced training (as at 18 October 2010).

Referral agencies advised that, despite former ceiling insulation installers being informed of the various training assistance available to them, such as LLNP and Access Program, they were likely to choose other assistance services and preferred a return to paid employment rather than participation in training

4. *6000 local green jobs in projects funded by the Local Jobs stream of the Jobs Fund*

As at 29 October 2010, 2 687 Green jobs were reported by the projects funded from Jobs Fund Local Jobs stream.

The Jobs Fund Local Jobs projects budget is \$161.3 million over two financial years: 2009-10 and 2010-11.