

Question on Notice

No. 239

Asked on 1 April 2014

Ms D'ATH asked the Minister for Education, Training and Employment (Mr Langbroek) –

QUESTION: With reference to the government's Certificate 3 Guarantee program that gives eligible Queenslanders access to a government subsidised training place, up to and including their first post school certificate level III qualification in priority training areas—

Will the Minister advise the number of students who have (a) applied for this subsidy, broken down by region, since 24 March 2012, (b) been approved for this subsidy, broken down by region, since 24 March 2012, (c) completed their Certificate III under this program, broken down by region, since 24 March 2012 and (d) have cancelled their Certificate III without completing it?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

The Certificate 3 Guarantee (C3G) Program, which provides eligible Queenslanders with access to a Government subsidised training place for their first post-school certificate level III qualification in priority training areas, commenced on 1 July 2013. Therefore, the statistics provided are for participants who commenced training on or after that date.

(a) The number of students who have applied for this subsidy, broken down by region

Participant eligibility for the C3G Program is determined at the point of enrolment by the Pre-qualified Suppliers contracted by the Department of Education, Training and Employment to deliver training. Pre-qualified Suppliers are not required to report to the Department on the number of applicants who were ineligible for the C3G Program.

(b) been approved for this subsidy, broken down by region

In addition to subsidising the participant's certificate III qualifications, the Department also subsidises any Foundation Skills (language, literacy and numeracy) or lower level qualifications (certificates I and II) the participant may require to enable them to successfully complete their certificate III qualification. As such, Table 1 also includes the number of participants who have undertaken Foundation Skills or lower level training.

Table 1 provides the total number of participants who have commenced training under the C3G program (certificate III and foundation skills/lower level qualifications) by Department of Education, Training and Employment region. It is important to note that the number of participants who have undertaken Foundation Skills or lower level training may also be counted in the certificate III commencement figures.

Table 1

Region*	Certificate III level	Foundation Skills or Lower Level Qualifications	Total number of students who have commenced the C3G Program
Central Queensland	1100	481	1561
Darling Downs South West	1335	247	1535
Far North Queensland	1329	1022	2134
Metropolitan	6378	2356	8457
North Coast	5245	1657	6623
North Queensland	1114	1006	2036
South East	6127	2223	8022
Student Location not specified	457	117	564
Total	23,085	9109	30,932

* Regions are the seven Department of Education, Training and Employment regions

(c) completed their certificate III under this program, broken down by region

Table 2 provides a count of participants who have completed a C3G qualification by Department of Education, Training and Employment region since the implementation of the C3G Program.

Table 2

Region*	Total
Central Queensland	108
Darling Downs South West	174
Far North Queensland	98
Metropolitan	2093
North Coast	1319
North Queensland	179
South East	1901
Student Location not specified	57
Total	5929

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(d) have cancelled their certificate III without completing it?

Table 3 provides a count of students who have ceased their certificate III qualification prior to completing the training.

Table 3

Region*	Total
Central Queensland	78
Darling Downs South West	62
Far North Queensland	65
Metropolitan	174
North Coast	194
North Queensland	36
South East	143
Student Location not specified	11
Total	763

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With regard to students who have cancelled their certificate III prior to completion, it should be noted that the Department requires the Pre-qualified Suppliers under the C3G Program to report training activity in accordance with National VET Provider Collections Standards. Under these standards there is no indicator for training providers to report when an individual cancels their training course without completing it. Therefore the Department has used a proxy measure to determine the number of participants who have cancelled. The proxy measure is a count of students who have withdrawn from a unit of competency within their training course and have not commenced any other competency within that training course.

It is also acknowledged that a participant who ceases their training may re-commence with a different training provider or in a different course. Therefore it is important to note that a participant who is counted as a cancellation may complete a certificate III qualification at some point in the future.