

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1214-2022**  
**Asked on Friday, 28 October 2022**  
**Answer Due: Monday, 28 November 2022**

---

1214    **MR J LANGBROEK** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR SENIORS AND DISABILITY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON C CRAWFORD)

Will the Minister provide an update on the Youth Employment Program (YEP) following the changes to delivery of the program including (a) how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth have accessed the program through the changed virtual or online assistance methods for the period 1 July 2022 to date, (b) total number of current participants, broken down into those employed and those engaged in further education and (c) total number of participants last year 2021-22?

**Answer:**

I thank the Member for the question, I can confirm that since the Youth Employment Program (YEP) was launched in 2015, 4,790 job placements were achieved for YEP candidates.

**(a) How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth have accessed the program through the changed virtual or online assistance methods for the period 1 July 2022 to date?**

Staff delivering YEP during pandemic-related restrictions, were required to change to exclusively virtual engagement strategies. This was a temporary measure. Under usual circumstances, mixed communication methods are used. Face to face engagement, particularly for intake processes, is preferred. This allows opportunity for candidates to access department resources and engage in pre-employment activities with regional staff such as resume writing, interview preparation and career planning.

Data on whether intake has occurred face to face or virtually is not recorded, therefore I am unable to provide data on any candidates who are being engaged exclusively through virtual means.

130 new candidates registered with YEP between 1 July 2022 and 31 October 2022, noting candidates who registered in previous periods will remain active in our program until deactivated. This generally occurs following completion of post placement support, lack of response or withdrawal from the program.

87 placements were achieved between 1 July 2022 and 31 October 2022.

**(b) Total number of current participants, broken down into those employed and those engaged in further education**

As at 31 October, there were 1623 'active candidates' recorded in the YEP database.

YEP facilitated 582 employment placements for these candidates which data indicates are current.

Data on candidates actively engaged in further education is unable to be provided as this is not a mandatory data field.

**(c) Total number of participants last year 2021-22**

The data indicates over 1600 candidates were registered with YEP in the 2021-22 financial year.

There were 504 job placements made through YEP during 2021-22.