

**Senate Standing Committees on Economics**

**The Australian manufacturing industry**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

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**Outcome: Higher Education**

**Department of Education, Skills and Employment Question No. IQ21-000157**

Senator Rex Patrick on 11 November 2021, Proof Hansard page 67

***University enrolments affected by COVID-19***

**Question**

Senator PATRICK: Can I go back to the years before? How are you tracking against 2019 and 2018, because COVID just masks everything. Enrolments in 2020 perhaps were not affected by COVID that much, but have you got 2019 numbers there?

Mr English: No; I'll take it on notice. I can easily do that. I think you're right that the commencing enrolments for 2020 were largely unaffected by the COVID impact for the first couple of months of the year, but we'll see how it looks against 2019. I'm happy to do that.

**Answer**

Enrolment numbers in Engineering for the years 2018 to 2020 are as follows:

**Domestic student enrolments in Engineering and Related Technologies**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020<sup>(a)</sup></b>
<b>Commencing</b>	18,855	18,911	19,908
<b>Continuing</b>	47,229	47,004	47,520
<b>Total</b>	66,084	65,915	67,428

**(a) Preliminary and subject to change**

**Undergraduate Domestic student enrolments in Engineering and Related Technologies**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020<sup>(a)</sup></b>
<b>Commencing</b>	15,941	15,956	16,051
<b>Continuing</b>	39,905	40,153	40,838
<b>Total</b>	55,846	56,109	56,889

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