

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**FAMILIES, HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND**  
**INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO**  
**2010-11 Additional Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 5**

**Question No: 116**

**Topic:** Destination of School Leavers

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**Senator Fifield** asked:

1. How many school leavers with a disability are there each year?
2. How many, expressed both as a number and as a percentage of the total, go to ADEs, how many go to Transition To Work programs, and how many go to community participation programs?
3. Please provide these figures and percentages for the past 6 years.

**Answer:**

1. This question would be better directed to Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.
2. The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) does not record the number of school leavers that go to Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) or access transition to work programs or community participation programs. FaHCSIA can provide unpublished data from its internal management system that indicates the number of new starters aged between 15 to 19 years accessing ADEs.

**New Starters in Australian Disability Enterprises, aged between 15 to 19 years**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number</b>
2006-2007	477
2007-2008	604
2008-2009	512
2009-2010	474

Source: FaHCSIA Online Funding Management System (FOFMS) – consumer profile data QLD.

Statistics relating to school leavers accessing transition to work programs or community participation programs are available from state and territory education and disability departments.

3. See answer to Question 1.