

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000915

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

Completion rate of Australian Apprentices

Question

1. What is the current completion rate for Australian Apprentices?
2. Based on the most recent available data, please detail the drop-out rate for Australian apprentices over the span of apprenticeship, with reporting across the period, including: drop-out rates in the first 3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months; and 2nd year, 3rd year and 4th year.

Answer

1. This information is publicly available in the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) *Australian vocational education and training statistics: Apprentice and Trainee Completion and Attrition Rates*, 2015 report.
2. NCVER does not publish data to report on drop-out rates. The following figures are sourced from the internal departmental Training and Youth Internet Management System (TYIMS) database as at 26 October 2016.

Dropout rates for Australian Apprentice commencements in 2011 in the first:

3 months	8.2%
6 months	15.9%
9 months	21.4%
12 months	25.8%
2 years	35.7%
3 years	39.2%
4 years	41.2%