

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

**TOPIC:** National Partnership development

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Nash

**QUESTION No.:** AI-58

1. Is the \$1.75 billion for VET linked to capital development?
2. What percentage of VET enrolments are now outside of the National Partnership agreement?
3. How many major companies are now choosing to undertake their own training, outside the national training system?
4. What are the implications of this?
5. What is the deadline for states to sign up to the partnership before the offer expires?

**ANSWER**

1. None of the \$1.75 billion under the Skills Reform National Partnership is linked to capital development.
2. The National Partnership covers training delivered through the public Vocational Education and Training (VET) system, including training provided by TAFE or other government providers and government subsidised services delivered by private registered training organisations (RTOs). Accurate information on the number of enrolments in VET outside the public VET system is not currently available. Available survey information on the private and enterprise sector suggests that somewhere in order of 30 per cent of VET students may be receiving training delivered by RTOs outside the publicly subsidised VET system.
3. No data is readily available on training conducted by employers outside of the National Training System
4. Companies, associations and other organisations may choose to deliver non-accredited training courses outside of approved Training Packages and the national training system. The courses and the participants do not receive a nationally recognised training or a national qualification, nor government funding and remain outside the scope of the NCVER data collections and the National Partnership Agreement.
5. There is no deadline for states and territories to sign up to the National Partnership on Skills Reform.