

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2009-2010**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Cormann asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 19.

Question

SOME SCHOOLS OPERATE ON A SEMESTER BASIS

Dr Bruniges—It could well be, Senator. Some schools operate on a semester basis, so they divide the year into two semesters where students would study in the first semester, being traditionally the first two terms of the school a particular course and then change to another course in the second semester. So we would need to look to see how many were running a semester system. But it is possible to start a qualification course in the second half of the year.

Senator CORMANN—When you say some, do you have some data around that? And I am not going to keep at it for much longer, but do you have some data as to how many schools run on a semester basis to the extent where they will be start using them in the second half of the year on a full-time basis?

Dr Bruniges—I think we could probably check for you, of the ones that we have spoken, to which ones. I am happy to take that on notice.

Answer

State and territory education departments and authorities vary considerably in their administrative arrangements for student enrolments. Due to the number of schools involved, the parties that would need to be consulted and the resources required to complete this task, it is not possible to gather this information.

Based on current reports, it is expected 29 of the Trade Training Centers expected to be completed in 2010 will commence delivery of training qualifications in the second half of the year.