

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

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

**Outcome 3 – Higher Education**

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**Senator Cormann asked on 11/02/2010, Hansard page 97.**

**Question**

**PROPORTION OF COMPLETIONS THAT COME FROM TAFE INSTITUTES**

Senator CORMANN—How many VET graduates come out of the TAFE system, as opposed to other institutions? Mr Walters—We used to reckon—I have not seen the figures recently—it was something like 85 per cent of the system. Senator CORMANN—You used to reckon? I am keen to look at that. I know that about 86 per cent enrol with VET. I am trying to see whether there is any shift in the percentages. Mr Walters—Completions. Senator CORMANN—In terms of completions, yes. Mr Walters—I do not know if we obtained that. Senator CORMANN—If you can get a bit more specific, that would be really good. Mr Walters—You want the proportion of completions that come from TAFE institutes? Senator CORMANN—That is right, yes. Mr Walters—I think we have to take that on notice, Senator.

**Answer**

During 2002-2007 the following percentages of all awards in publicly funded VET were from TAFE:

2002	84%
2003	81%
2004	75%
2005	77%
2006	79%
2007	75%

Due to a lag in the notification of qualifications completed, the most recent completions data, published in July 2008, cover qualifications completed in 2007. Statistics on qualifications completed in 2008 will be published by the NCVET in July 2010. Data currently available cover qualifications completed during 2002-2007. During the period 2004-2007 there was some underreporting of qualifications by the state of Queensland. It is not possible to determine what proportion of these undercounts were qualifications achieved in TAFE institutes.