

Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2009-2010

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Question

Performance of Government-funded TAFEvs private RTOs

Senator CORMANN—Thank you. Generally, how do state RTOs compare to the private sector in success rates, specifically leading people into jobs? I know that people might enjoy the experience or have different objectives, but in terms of channelling people into jobs, do you have a handle on that? Mr McAuslan—I think we would need to take that on notice, Senator. I am not sure that the survey that the NCVET does breaks things down to that level, but we can take that on notice.

Answer

Every year the NCVET conducts a survey of students who successfully complete some vocational training (*Student Outcomes Survey;SOS*). The latest available survey is from 2009, which reports on outcomes for students who completed their studies in 2008.

The following table gives the percentage of graduates from Government-funded TAFE and Total VET who were employed or in training after study:

	Government-funded TAFE	Total VET
Employed after training	74.7	77.8
Employed or in further study after training	86.4	87.6
Enrolled in further study after training	35.4	32.1

"Employed after training" refers to students who successfully completed some vocational training from a publicly funded VET provider during 2008 who after training (at 29 May 2009) were employed.

"Employed or in further study after training" refers to students who after successfully completing some vocational training in 2008 were either employed or were in further study.

"Enrolled in further study after training" refers to students who after successfully completing some vocational training during 2008 were in further study.

The SOS collection is derived from publicly funded registered training organisations (RTOs), which can be either public RTOs (e.g. TAFEs, secondary schools, colleges, universities and agricultural and technical colleges) or private RTOs (business colleges, adult and community organisations etc).

The SOS provides data at the state and territory level, however, does not provide data at the individual provider level, or percentages for private providers only.

Government-funded TAFE is a subset of Total-VET.

The full report can be accessed at: <http://www.ncver.edu.au/statistic/publications/2180.html>

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