

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

PRODUCTIVITY PLACES

1. Are all states and territories still offering Productivity Places?
2. What was the Commonwealth expenditure on Productivity Places for the 2009/10 financial year?
3. What is the predicted Commonwealth expenditure for the 2010/11 financial year? How many places have been offered (with a breakdown by state and territory) in the last 12 months?

Answer

- 1. Are all states and territories still offering Productivity Places?**

Yes.

- 2. What was the Commonwealth expenditure on Productivity Places for the 2009/10 financial year?**

In 2009-10 the Commonwealth provided \$422.1 million in funding to the PPP.

- 3. What is the predicted Commonwealth expenditure for the 2010/11 financial year?**

The budgeted Commonwealth expenditure for the PPP in 2010-11 is \$470.4 million.

- 4. How many places have been offered (with a breakdown of state and territory) in the last 12 months?**

As at 31 December 2010, there were 366 000 PPP commencements, Table 1 provides a breakdown by jurisdiction:

Table 1: PPP - ALL ELEMENTS Commencements by Participant Address as at 31 December 2010^[1]

State	Reported Commencements		
	Job seekers	Existing workers	Total
New South Wales	72,800	41,200	114,000
Victoria	63,026	30,691	93,717
Queensland	45,100	32,000	77,200
Western Australia	26,500	13,500	40,100
South Australia	18,500	8,000	26,600
Tasmania	4,561	2,580	7,141
Australian Capital Territory	2,193	3,130	5,323
Northern Territory	952	1,236	2,188
Not stated (Enterprise Trials)		1,087	1,087
Total	233,000	133,000	366,000