

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

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

**Outcome 4 - Employment & Participation Policy**

**DEEWR Question No.EW0978\_11**

**Senator Siewert provided in writing.**

**Question**

**ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT COVENANT**

"Can you provide a breakdown of AEC outcomes in terms of job placement and retention rates? Have all of the issues with reporting and assessment been resolved to your satisfaction? Are there still some outstanding issues? What proportion of the jobs generated require post-secondary, tertiary or further qualifications?"

**Answer**

Have all of the issues with reporting and assessment been resolved to your satisfaction? Are there still some outstanding issues?

With the exception of the issue of a shortfall in the data that can be collected, all reporting and assessment issues are being resolved.

Can you provide a breakdown of AEC outcomes in terms of job placement and retention rates?

To the end of February 2011 the AEC reported 1761 employment placements.

The AEC have also reported retention rates drawn from a subset (of data available to date) of 1218 participants.

Ceased before 26 weeks	143	-	12%
Sustained beyond 26 weeks	286	-	23%
Still within 26 weeks	789	-	65%

What proportion of the jobs generated require post-secondary, tertiary or further qualifications?

Approximately 70 per cent of jobs being placed on the AEC jobs board are entry-level jobs that do not require post-secondary, tertiary or further qualifications.