EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.1 – Funding for Vocational Education and Training

DEST Question No. E027_04

Senator Harradine tabled the following question on 10 June 2003:

Question:

Please provide me with details of how many students are participating in vocational education and training for each state and territory and nationwide.

Answer:

Number participating in vocational education and training

The numbers of students participating in vocational education and training (*excluding* participants in VET in schools programmes) are as follows¹ (in thousands)

NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST
557.2	497.4	298.9	133.8	127.7	32.8	22.5	19.8	1,690.1

¹ at 30 June 2002. Source: Australian vocational education and training statistics – Students and courses 2002. National Centre for Vocational Education Research.

The numbers of students in VET in schools programmes are as follows ² (in thousands)

NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT	AUST
64.4	26.1	50.7	13.6	21.8	3.1	1.8	4.0	185.5

² at 30 June 2002. Source: Australian vocational education and training statistics – Students and courses 2002, National Centre for Vocational Education Research; quoting statistics reported by States and Territories to the MCEETYA Transition from School Taskforce. Note that as some VET in schools students undertake their training in the mainstream VET system, figures are reported separately to avoid the risk of double counting.