

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.4 – Assistance for transition through and from school

DEST Question No. E282_04 and E299_04

Senator Carr asked on 4 and 5 June 2003, EWRE Hansard page 383 (4 June 2002) and page 541 (5 June 2003)

Question:

At page 52, table 2.1.3 of the PBS says that a copy of the VET in Schools data will be available in July. Together with the data from the previous years for comparative purposes, provide that data, particularly any targets or projects for the out years?

Answer:

VET in schools data

In 2002, 44% of all senior secondary students were enrolled in VET in Schools programmes. The Report *The Growth of VET in Schools Programs: a national overview*, compiled by the MCEETYA Taskforce on Transition from Schools from 2002 data provided by States and Territories, includes the following table of data:

Table: Number of Students participating in VET in Schools Programmes in Australia

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Government	-	53,258	66,366	83,367	97,982	109,900	119,442
Catholic	-	12,165	17,825	22,202	25,778	28,925	31,335
Independent	-	5,043	8,300	11,035	14,252	15,721	17,752
TAFE	-	23,600	24,500	22,803	15,604	15,263	16,991
Total	60,000	94,066	116,991	139,407	153,616	169,809	185,520

The most recent projections by jurisdictions in relation to VET in Schools was in the *Report of the MCEETYA Taskforce on Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Schools – July 2001*. A summary of these projections is provided in the table below. These projections were for VET in Schools participation and no projections were provided for School Based New Apprenticeships.

Number of Students Enrolled in VET in Schools Programmes in Australia

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001 Projections
Government	NA	53,258	66,366	81,933	97,982	108,450
Catholic	NA	12,165	17,783	20,274	25,778	28,300
Independent	NA	5,043	8,757	11,738	14,252	18,499
TAFE	NA	23,600	24,500	22,765	15,604	14,550
Total	60,000	94,066	117,406	136,710	153,616	169,700

Source: MCEETYA (July 2001).

Subsequent reports of the MCEETYA Taskforce on Transition from Schools do not contain projections by jurisdictions on expected VET in Schools (nor School Based New Apprenticeships) participation levels.