

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.2 – New Apprenticeships

DEST Question No. E061_05 – FINAL

Senator Carr provided in writing

Question:

What is the average length of time of an apprenticeship? How does this compare to 1996?

The Department sought clarification on 13 July 2004 regarding this question from Senator Carr's Office as it was not clear whether the Senator is requesting the New Apprenticeship information in terms of nominal or actual durations.

The Department received clarification on 13 July 2004 at 11:00am and the question was reworded as follows:

To have clarification that the nominal length of apprenticeships still remains the same as in 1996, and to obtain information on the actual average completion time for apprenticeships, and how that compares with actual completion time in 1996.

Answer:

Average length of time of an apprenticeship

The NCVER has provided the Department with the following information.

Information is not available on the average nominal duration of traditional apprenticeships, traineeships or New Apprenticeships in 1996 or 1998. States and territories overwrite the 'average nominal duration' of a contract with the 'actual duration' on the completion of a contract.

The following table provides information about the nominal and actual durations of New Apprenticeships:

Year of commencing cohort	Average Yearly duration		
	"Traditional" New Apprenticeships ⁽¹⁾	Other New Apprenticeships	Total new Apprenticeships
1996 ⁽²⁾	3.8	1.1	2.1
1998 ⁽²⁾	3.8	1.2	1.8
2003 ⁽³⁾	3.9	1.9	2.2

Notes: (1) - 'traditional apprenticeships' are Contracts of Training in ASCO 4, at AQF level III or above with more than two years expected duration for full time contracts and more than eight years expected duration for part-time or school-based contracts

(2) - average actual duration

(3) - average nominal duration