

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.4 – Funding for higher education

DEST Question No. E326_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

For each year since 1996, what is the number of year 12 completers in their first year out of school in a) Higher Education; and b) TAFE or VET programs?

Answer:

Year 12 completers

The information requested is shown in the table. The latest data available is 2004. The two columns of figures cannot be added because a student may be enrolled in both a higher education and a vocational and technical education course during the same year.

Number of Year 12 completers commencing higher education or vocational and technical education courses in the year after completing Year 12 or in the same year

Year (a)	Higher education (b)	Vocational and technical education (c)	(d)
1996	68 278		
1997	67 453	61 732	
1998	68 851	63 810	
1999	70 008	69 256	
2000	68 154	76 039	
2001	66 604	70 570	
2002	68 484	73 321	
2003	63 921	75 694	
2004	62 423	74 340	

Sources: For higher education for the years 1998 to 2004, *Students: Selected Higher Education Statistics* available on the DEST website at http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/publications_resources/statistics/publications_higher_education_statistics_collections.htm. For 1996 and 1997, from hardcopy publications.

For vocational education and training, unpublished data from the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) national collection under the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard (AVETMISS).

Notes:

- Year in which course commenced.
- Students commencing higher education at bachelor level or below.
- Students commencing any vocational and technical education program. Students with incomplete information on the level of schooling completed and/or year of completion of Year 12 were pro rated across Year 12 completers and non-completers using proportions derived from students whose records had full information.
- Data on VTE programs before 1997 is not available on a comparable basis to that for later years.