

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

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

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Collins asked on 31/05/2010, Hansard page 62.

Question

YOUTH ATTAINMENT PROGRAM

Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Could you describe one of the milestones that a state would need to achieve before it attracted the additional funding?

Dr Morehead—I do not actually have that on me but we can certainly provide that.

Senator JACINTA COLLINS—I am just interested in an example; so the state of Victoria would need to achieve X before it attracted the additional funding? ...

Senator JACINTA COLLINS—If you are taking it on notice, I would be quite interested in the full picture of it.

Answer

Reward funding under the National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions (the National Partnership) is available in two parts: up to \$50 million in total for reaching targets for 2010 school and VET participation rates, and up to \$50 million for reaching targets in 2012 for Year 12 or equivalent attainment rates. These are included as progress measures toward the overall COAG target of 90 per cent of young people aged 20-24 having a year 12 or equivalent qualification by 2015.

Table 1 sets out the milestones each state would need to reach to receive reward funding for school and VET participation rates.

Table 1: Participation Rate Targets in 2010

	2010 Target	Increase on 2008
NSW	170,078	8,776
Vic.	148,003	8,343
Qld.	121,505	7,713
SA	44,085	1,987
WA	64,407	4,468
Tas.	14,649	623
NT	5,350	253
ACT	10,336	216
Australia	578,413	32,379

(The 2008 data will be adjusted for all jurisdictions once final 2008 Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Statistical Standard data is available.)

Table 2 sets out the milestones each state would need to reach to receive reward funding for improved Year 12 or equivalent attainment rates.

Table 2: 2012 Attainment Targets

State or Territory	2009*	2012 target rate
NSW	82.7	85.95
Vic.	86.1	89.35
Qld.	86	89.25
SA	78.2	81.45
WA	79.7	82.95
Tas.	75.1	78.35
NT	65.1	68.35
ACT	93.1	94.30
Australia	83.5	86.73

*The Survey of Education and Work data is subject to error margins. Error margins are at Schedule C.