

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Higher Education

DEEWR Question No.EW0328_11

Senator Cormann asked on 2/06/2010, Hansard page 98.

*“Refers to previous DEEWR Question No xxx”. (Where Senators have referred to the answer of a question on notice **from a previous Hearing**, please clearly indicate as a sub heading in italics above the question, the previous question number as shown in above example).*

Question

NUMBER OF ENROLMENTS IN VET

Senator CORMANN—If I wanted to know about the number of enrolments in vocational education and training, as to how many of them are user choice and contestable as opposed to the public and private split, would you be able to provide that data for me? Ms Paul—Yes, we can do that. Senator CORMANN—And the most recently available data to the end of 2009? Mr McAuslan—We have provided that data to you already in relation to a previous question that you raised with us. We do not have any new data to add to that. Senator CORMANN—Essentially the latest data up to 200. Mr McAuslan—Our understanding is that the states and territories are still offering up funding on a contestable basis, and that is not likely to change.

Answer

- The number of publicly funded VET students enrolled in contestable funded courses in all jurisdictions over the period 2002 - 2009 was:
 - 2002 – 309,810
 - 2003 – 372,569
 - 2004 – 299,826
 - 2005 – 270,861
 - 2006 – 279,379
 - 2007 – 285,384
 - 2008 – 310,890
 - 2009 – 352,912
- The number of publicly funded VET students enrolled in contestable funded courses in New South Wales over the period 2002 - 2009 was:
 - 2002 – 128,938
 - 2003 – 168,005
 - 2004 – 106,709
 - 2005 – 68,003
 - 2006 – 67,095
 - 2007 – 74,372
 - 2008 – 76,400
 - 2009 – 74,988
- The number of publicly funded VET students enrolled in contestable funded

courses in Victoria over the period 2002 - 2009 was:

2002 – 89,107
2003 – 95,740
2004 – 94,253
2005 – 96,007
2006 – 101,995
2007 – 100,749
2008 – 98,159
2009 – 108,179

- The number of publicly funded VET students enrolled in contestable funded courses in Queensland over the period 2002 - 2009 was:
2002 – 55,140
2003 – 53,020
2004 – 41,428
2005 – 43,381
2006 – 46,425
2007 – 51,108
2008 – 61,909
2009 – 77,828
- The number of publicly funded VET students enrolled in contestable funded courses in South Australia over the period 2002 - 2009 was:
2002 – 21,890
2003 – 17,593
2004 – 17,862
2005 – 18,869
2006 – 17,601
2007 – 20,483
2008 – 23,623
2009 – 25,237
- The number of publicly funded VET students enrolled in contestable funded courses in Western Australia over the period 2002 - 2009 was:
2002 – 0
2003 – 21,327
2004 – 21,481
2005 – 26,669
2006 – 28,097
2007 – 18,353
2008 – 29,168
2009 – 42,578
- The number of publicly funded VET students enrolled in contestable funded courses in Tasmania over the period 2002 - 2009 was:
2002 – 6,432
2003 – 6,727
2004 – 6,561
2005 – 6,754
2006 – 7,006
2007 – 7,791
2008 – 9,357
2009 – 10,432
- The number of publicly funded VET students enrolled in contestable funded courses in the Northern Territory over the period 2002 - 2009 was:
2002 – 5,458
2003 – 5,470
2004 – 6,344
2005 – 6,984

2006 – 5,603

2007 – 6,594

2008 – 6,351

2009 – 7,574

- The number of publicly funded VET students enrolled in contestable funded courses in the Australian Capital Territory over the period 2002 - 2009 was:

2002 – 2,845

2003 – 4,687

2004 – 5,188

2005 – 4,194

2006 – 5,557

2007 – 5,934

2008 – 5,923

2009 – 6,096

This data has been sourced from the NCVET, *Students and Courses 2009* publication which is under embargo until 9.30am AEST on 30 June 2010.