

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools

DEEWR Question No.EW0195_12

Senator Nash provided in writing.

Refers to previous DEEWR Question No [EW0881_11](#).

Question

Program 2.3

Students completing year 12 • In a Question on Notice from the February estimates, the dept was asked the percentage of students who complete year 12 or year 12 equivalent now. The dept responded that the COAG target was 90 per cent by 2015 and that the most recent data shows 85.6pc had completed year 12 or equivalent. What per cent of this 85.6 per cent are students living in rural and regional areas?

Answer

The agreed data source for the COAG 90 per cent target is the ABS [Cat. No. 6227.0] *Survey of Education and Work (SEW)*. According to these data 85.6 per cent of 20-24 year olds had attained a Year 12 or equivalent qualification, nationally, in 2010. Due to the way that the survey is sampled, it is not possible to disaggregate the estimate by remoteness.