

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

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

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

DEEWR Question No.EW0400_12

Senator Nash asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 35.

Question

Completion Rates Of Productivity Places Program

Senator NASH: 112,000 were completed. The question should then be: out of the gap between 112 and the 426, can you give me a sense—I am happy for you to do it on notice.

Mr Griew: We might take that on notice. I suspect the answer may be that we will know when the program is done and dusted and we look back, that would be obviously a good question to ask. But we will see what we can find out. We might even ask some state colleagues. We will take it on notice.

Answer

As at 31 March 2011, there have been 426 000 training commencements under the Productivity Places Program, of which over 112 000 participants including 93 741 job seekers and 18293 existing workers have been reported as completing training. This data relates to Tasmania, Northern Territory, South Australia, New South Wales and Australian Government delivery.

The reasons for the gap between the 426 000 commencements and 112 000 completions are provided as below:

1. The PPP continues until June 2012 and many participants are still in training.
2. Some participants have withdrawn from training. Reporting arrangements for the training places administered by state and territory governments do not include data on withdrawals. Please see response in EW0401_12 for Australian Government delivery of PPP.
3. Data sources for completions are limited. Please see response in EW0338_12.

The latest available data from jurisdictions is at 31 March 2011. Australian Government delivery data is available to 30 June 2011.