

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

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

**Outcome 3 - Tertiary, Skills, International and Indigenous Strategy**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0694\_12

**Senator Siewert provided in writing.**

**Question**

**Vocational training reforms**

Will a proportion of the proposed new training places in the National Partnership for VET be earmarked for jobseekers in each financial year from 2012-13, and if so please provide details of the numbers and proportion of places to be earmarked in each year. How do these numbers compare with places notionally allocated to jobseekers under Productivity Places for that year?

**Answer**

*National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development (NASWD) and Reform National Partnership (NP)*

- The Australian Government is committed to reforming the national training system to meet the needs of Australia's rapidly changing economy. The 2011-12 Budget included an announcement of an additional \$1.75 billion over five years to drive reform of the VET system.
- The Commonwealth Government is progressing VET reform by means of the renegotiation of the National Agreement for Skills and Workplace Development (NASWD) and a reform National Partnership (NP). This process is being taken forward through COAG.
- The Commonwealth has clearly stated its commitment to ensuring that the VET system delivers greater equity and economic mobility, through increased participation by groups not currently fully engaged in work.
- The negotiations with the states and territories are underway at present and exact targets and performance indicators are still under development