

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2012-2013**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

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**Senator Nash asked on 14 February 2013, Hansard page 87**

**Question**

**Trade Training Centres**

Senator NASH: Just on the trade training centres in schools, how many trade training centres are currently operational? I think we ask this every time.

Mr Edwards: As of last Friday, there were 695 schools through 241 TTCs that are built and virtually all of those were operational.

Senator NASH: That was last Friday. That is very up to date.

Mr Edwards: Yes.

Senator NASH: You made sure they had the information. That is very impressive. I am happy for you to take this on notice, but could we have a total list of how many across each state?

Mr Edwards: Yes. I will take that on notice.

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Senator NASH: How many students in total are there in all of these trade training centres?

Mr Edwards: That is always a bit of a tricky one because of the lag in gathering our data. It is also because we are in the early operational phase.

Senator NASH: I am happy for you to take it on notice.

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Senator NASH: Is there any breakdown between how many students are from regional areas and how many are from the cities? I do not expect you to have that off the top of your head, but is that data that you have?

Mr Edwards: I will take it on notice, but to give you an idea, it is roughly 60 per cent in regional areas and 40 per cent in the cities.

Senator NASH: That would be interesting. Do you have any idea what the average number of students at a school who study VET qualification is at a trade training centre facility?

Mr Edwards: No.

Senator NASH: Could you take that on notice and have a look? I do not know if it is possible to extrapolate that for me.

Mr Edwards: I will see if I can find something on that.

## Answer

As at 15 February 2013, 241 Trade Training Centres (TTCs) had been built, benefiting 695 schools. The breakdown of these schools across the states and territories was as follows:

State/ territory	Number of TTCs built	Number of schools benefiting
New South Wales	85	230
Victoria	25	85
Queensland	49	133
Western Australia	32	99
South Australia	34	108
Tasmania	10	32
Australian Capital Territory	0	0
Northern Territory	6	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>695</b>

Currently enrolment data for the TTC Program is only available in respect of the 2011 calendar year. For 2011 more than 9100 students were enrolled in nationally recognised trade training qualifications through TTCs. Note, that this number of students recognises that students may enroll in more than one nationally recognised trade training qualification.

The latest available data (from 2011) indicates that the total number of student enrolments in skills-in-demand trade qualifications has increased correspondingly from over 1700 in 2010 to over 9100 in 2011. With more TTCs operational in 2012, it is likely that there are currently more than 18000 enrolments in TTCs.

Of the more than 9100 enrolments in TTCs reported for 2011, the split of these enrolments between TTCs located in metropolitan areas and those in regional or remote areas was as follows:

TTC location*	Percentage of enrolments
Metropolitan areas	46%
Rural and remote areas	54%

\*Note that where TTCs have cluster schools that are located in both metropolitan and regional areas, the location of the lead school has been used for these calculations.

Data is not available on the average number of students at a school who study VET qualifications at TTCs. The 2011 data collection for the TTC Program provided the total number of enrolments at the TTCs, but did not provide individual enrolment numbers for each of the participating schools. However, individual enrolment numbers in each of the participating schools will be reported on as part of the 2012 data collection.