

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10**

Outcome/Agency 4

DEEWR Question No. EW0373_10

Senator Back asked on 4 June 2009 at the Budget Estimates meeting as per page 63.

Question

Commencements

Of the approximately 23 000 who had enrolled but not yet commenced, how many did not commence within 3 weeks of enrolling and what were the reason for persons not commencing?

Answer

As at 25 May 2009, 23 629 persons had enrolled in, but as yet not commenced training in a PPP funded qualification. Of those, 16 931 failed to commence the program for which they were enrolled (the reasons for withdrawal are shown in the table below). The remaining 6,698 participants have a nine week window to commence training from the day they are enrolled by their respective Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

RTOs will either lodge a commencement milestone or a 'failed to commence' milestone within that nine week period. If no milestone is lodged, the allocation is deemed to have expired.

Numbers of persons failing to commence Productivity Places Program training by reason - April 2008 until 25 May 2009.

Reason for withdrawing prior to commencement	Numbers of persons withdrawing
RTO enrolled participant who withdrew prior to commencement	2 684
RTO enrolled participant who failed to commence	8 390
Qualification (training) cancelled by RTO prior to the participant commencing training	1 092
No advice provided - nine week commencement period expired	4 765
Total	16 931
