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Senator Mason asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 12.

Question

**Size of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in terms of Foreign Students
coming in to study**

Senator MASON: As you and I have often said, the university sector is Australia's largest services export. It is big. I know I am not allowed to say this, but it is a very big industry, it is a big business. How big is VET in terms of foreign students coming in to study?

Mr Shreeve: It is not as big as the university sector, but there has been significant growth. We could take that question on notice.

Senator MASON: Would you take that on notice?

Senator Chris Evans: It is really for the department. I will get the department to answer that.

Answer

In 2010, the Australian Bureau of Statistics reported that the VET sector comprised 27% of export income derived from the delivery of education services to international students studying in Australia.