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Senator Nash asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 29.

Question

Number of VET Qualifications

Senator NASH: A very general question: how many VET courses are offered, all up?

Ms Paul: Many, many, many.

Senator NASH: Yes, there are many, many, many but, if you could narrow it just a little, that would be helpful.

Senator Chris Evans: There is the origami course which is available.

Senator NASH: One you have enrolled in previously?

Senator Chris Evans: I am thinking about it, for relaxation purposes. As you know, they have those sorts of apprenticeships, through the whole range.

Senator NASH: Yes. Mr Griew: We might take that question on notice.

Senator NASH: I had a feeling you might. I am very interested in the whole list.

Mr Griew: It might be quite hard to answer, to be honest. We might be able to get you the number of training packages, against which the number of kinds of courses. We can get that for you, but the actual number of courses is—

Senator NASH: Do TAFEs and RTOs, though, not have to declare the courses that they have on offer?

Senator Chris Evans: TAFEs offer all sorts of things, not necessarily for qualifications but for—

Senator NASH: Why don't we narrow it down a bit and say by qualification, so the courses that are offered for qualification, as opposed to origami for—

Mr Griew: We can do that.

Answer

As at 7 July 2011, the National Training Information Service (NTIS), the national register of vocational education and training providers and courses in Australia, held data on a total of 3225 VET qualifications offered by Registered Training Organisations (RTOs), including TAFEs.