

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education**

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**Senator Nash provided in writing.**

**Question**

**PRODUCTIVITY PLACES PROGRAM IN STATES & TERRITORIES**

How is the Department monitoring the number of Productivity Places being offered by each State or Territory? Are all States offering Productivity Places? How many were undertaken in each of the States and Territories in the last financial year? (Please provide a breakdown- happy for this to be taken on notice). What were the top 10 courses by commencement? What were the top 10 courses by completion? What percentage of students completed a PPP course?

**Answer**

- a) How is the Department monitoring the number of Productivity Places being offered by each state or territory?

The Department monitors State and Territory delivery of Productivity Places Program training through monthly, six monthly and annual reports submitted by states and territories in accordance with the National Partnership Agreement. The Department publishes an Annual Report for each calendar year.

- b) Are all States offering Productivity Places?

All participating states and territories commenced offering training under the National Partnership for Productivity Places Program in 2009. Victoria has negotiated separate arrangements and is not a signatory to the National Partnership. Victoria signed an Intergovernmental Agreement for Additional Training Delivery in Victoria under the Productivity Places Program (also known as Commonwealth Own Purposes Expenditure - COPE) on 23 December 2008. Training through this agreement was also made available in 2009.

- c) How many were undertaken in each of the States and Territories in the last financial year?

State and territory training delivery data for 2009-10 is not available. The National Partnership contains training targets by calendar year and audited data of state and territory delivery is reported on that basis.

A breakdown of Productivity Places Program delivery in each of the States and Territories in the 2009 calendar year is provided below.

**Course enrolments reported by States and Territories through National Partnership for Productivity Places Program and Victorian COPE from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009**

	<b>Job Seekers</b>	<b>Existing Workers</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>NSW</b>	12,621	14,026	26,647
<b>VIC</b>	7,535	4,250	11,785
<b>QLD</b>	8,190	13,308	21,498
<b>WA</b>	10,263	6,789	17,052
<b>SA</b>	2,029	0	2,029
<b>TAS</b>	819	1,151	1,970
<b>ACT</b>	350	607	957
<b>NT</b>	295	215	510
<b>Total</b>	42,102	40,346	82,448

d) What were the top 10 courses by commencement?

**Top 10 qualifications by commencement reported by States and Territories through National Partnership for Productivity Places Program from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009**

**Qualification Title**

Certificate II in Retail

Diploma of Management

Certificate IV in Training and Assessment

Certificate II in Hospitality

Diploma of Accounting

Certificate II in Meat Processing (Abattoirs)

Certificate III in Children's Services

Certificate IV in Frontline Management

Diploma of Children's Services

Certificate III in Hospitality

Due to reporting limitations, data from Queensland, Western Australia and Victoria has not been included in this table.

e) What were the top 10 courses by completion?

**Top 10 qualifications by completion reported by States and Territories through National Partnership for Productivity Places Program from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009**

**Qualification Title**

Certificate III in Children's Services

Certificate II in Retail

Certificate III in Financial Services (Accounts Clerical)

Certificate IV in Frontline Management

Diploma of Management

Certificate IV in Financial Services (Accounting)

Certificate IV in Business Administration

Certificate IV in Marketing

Certificate II in Hospitality

Diploma of Accounting

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f) What percentage of students completed a PPP course?

The duration of training delivered through the Productivity Places Program is, on average, expected to take between one and three years depending on the level of qualification undertaken by participants. State and territory delivery under the Productivity Places Program is focused on higher level qualifications where the duration of training is on average three years and in many cases the training programs only began in the second half of 2009. States and territories are progressively submitting data for the 2010 training year which the department is collating. We will be in a position to report on completion rates once the collating of 2010 data is finalised