

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

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

**Outcome 2 - Schools**

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**Senator Nash provided in writing.**

**Question**

***TRADE TRAINING CENTRES***

Of the 2,650 planned Trades Training Centres, how many have been built and are in operation? Does this figure include centres incorporated into third party sites, such as TAFEs? How many of these are in clusters? How many of these centres are in non-government schools? In June, there were 22 centres, how many of these centres are offering new qualifications? How many students have commenced a course in a Trade Training Centre? Have any funds been set aside for the further construction of centres? How many Trade Training Centres does the department expect to be built this year? What is the average cost to date for each centre?

**Answer**

As at 11 November 2010, 37 Trade Training Centres benefiting 67 schools were completed. 27 of these have commenced operation. Aside from the 37 completed projects, 131 projects have commenced construction and 61 are in either the planning or procurement stage.

Of the 27 operational Trade Training Centres none incorporate a third party site.

Of the 27 operational Trade Training Centres 7 are cluster projects.

Of the 27 operational Trade Training Centres 11 are non-government projects, with 7 from the Catholic sector and 4 from the Independent sector.

Regarding new qualifications delivered in the 22 operational centres, the Department will be collecting such information in March each year in respect of the previous school year. This information will be collected for the first time in March 2011 in respect of 2010, the first full year of operation for TTCs. The establishment of TTCs allows students to undertake training on industry-standard equipment.

The information concerning the number of students commencing qualifications in operational TTCs will be available through the annual collection of information.

The TTC Program is providing \$2.5 billion over 10 years. Funding for the Program is provided through an annual national competitive application process. Since the Program commenced, the Australian Government has approved \$1.03 billion to fund 288 projects benefiting 927 schools.

68 projects, benefitting 173 schools, are expected to have operational TTCs available for use for the 2011 school year.

As at 11 November 2010, 288 TTC projects have been approved for funding under the Trade Training Centres in Schools Program. The table below shows the average cost of a TTC to date.

<b>Funding Round</b>	<b>Approved Funding</b>	<b>No of Schools benefiting</b>	<b>Average funding per school</b>
Round One (Phase One)	\$91,147,495.67	94	\$969,954.21
Round One (Phase Two)	\$335,920,722.00	336	\$999,764.05
Round Two	\$383,815,916.00	302	\$1,270,913.63
Round Three	\$219,639,656	195	\$1,126,357.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$810,884,133.67</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>\$1,111,676.15</b>