

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
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**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

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**Senator O'Neill asked on 20 November 2013, Hansard page 95**

**Question**

**Trade Training Centres – attainment for students in a disadvantage school location**

CHAIR: Are we collecting data on student outcomes? Mr Hehir: My recollection is that we are collecting data on what courses of study students are undertaking and their completion of that course. Senator O'NEILL: So you do have data and some of it is well analysed and some of it is perhaps just still latently waiting for somebody to come in and have an investigation. Is that a fair characterisation? Mr Hehir: The previous report, as I said before, was for a small number of trade-training centres and it was in their initial years. I am not sure the data would be particularly robust. Senator O'NEILL: Do we have any data related to the socioeconomic background of students engaging in these courses? Mr Hehir: I would need to take that on notice, but I do not believe we would have that specific data. Senator O'NEILL: Would it be possible to get any indication of the uplift in attainment a trade-training centre might have for students in a disadvantage school location? Mr Cook: We can take that on notice.

**Answer**

Data collected for the 2011 Activity Report did not disaggregate students by socioeconomic disadvantage.