

**Senator O'SULLIVAN:** Do you have any data on the difference of completion rates?

**Mrs O'Grady:** We do at the Master Builders. With RTOs we have a somewhat higher completion rate. We can take that on notice and send it through if that would be helpful.

It is difficult to track completion rates at RTOs without following the unique student journey. Using proxy information (i.e. number of commencements/number of completions) the average completion rate of Master Builders apprentices at RTOs is slightly higher than at TAFE.

Taking the completions at MBA NSW for example, between 2016 and 2020 (a period when completions can be accurately tracked due to there being no active students from those enrolment years still enrolled in 2025) the completion rate was 61% on average.

At TAFE NSW, for comparison, taking a straight calculation of students commencing/students completing between June 2020 and June 2024, the completion rate is 51%.

By tracking the unique student journey at Master Builders GTOs however, the completion rate is much higher, usually around 80%. At Master Builders SA for example, the average completion rate over the last nine years is 83.1%.