



STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

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Preliminary TAFE survey results published

A student survey for the Standing Committee on Education and Employment's inquiry into TAFE and its operations has received over 3600 responses so far. The survey, which has been available online for over a month, enables those who have experienced TAFE first-hand or are considering TAFE as an option, the chance to voice their opinion and provide information on real TAFE experiences. A snapshot of the preliminary survey results can be found here: www.aph.gov.au/tafe

The Committee Chair, Member for Herbert, Ewen Jones, said the survey results so far are showing some interesting themes that are mostly in-line with the evidence the Committee has received throughout the inquiry.

"The Committee chose to publish a preliminary snapshot of the survey results to give people an idea of who is attending TAFE, and how TAFE is benefiting them as they look to enter or re-enter the workforce or update their skills. The results are showing that, while not all experiences have been positive and there is room for improvement, TAFE is a system that is valued for its personal, community and business benefits," Mr Jones said.

Some comments that survey respondents have made so far are:

"I can honestly say that TAFE gave me a new life..."

"I have had a job promotion since completing my TAFE course"

"I am still seeking employment and my three certificates from TAFE haven't helped"

"A lack of resources including teacher availability has severely impacted on my learning experience"

"(TAFE is) practical and industry focused"

"(TAFE needs) less red tape and more flexibility"

The Committee will publish further survey results in due course. The snapshot of results and the current survey can be found on the inquiry webpage: www.aph.gov.au/tafe

Proceedings will be webcast at http://www.aph.gov.au/News_and_Events/Watch_Parliament

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