

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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ATAR students

Question

Senator KIM CARR: And the number of high ATAR students in teaching is about five per cent now? Dr A Taylor: I thought it was a little bit more of that. I have not got those figures for education with me. Mr Griew: We will take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Is the fact that there are 900 students with ATARS of 50 or less in the teaching program a matter of concern?

Dr A Taylor: It is important to note that these are offers to the low ATAR students, whether or not they turn into enrolments is—

Senator KIM CARR: I see. So how many of the 900 actually translated into enrolments?

Answer

1. In February 2015, 5.3 per cent of year 12 offers in the discipline of Education were made to applicants with an ATAR of 90 or more.

2. In February 2015, there were 894 offers made for Education courses to applicants with an ATAR of 50 or less.

3. When 2015 enrolment data becomes available in the middle of 2016, the department will be able to calculate how many of these offers translated into enrolments.