

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000625

Senator Paterson, James asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 101.

National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform

Question

Senator PATERSON: What targets were set for increasing apprentice numbers under the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform?

Mr Pearson: There was a range training outcome targets under the previous national partnership agreement. There were only two targets for apprenticeships: one for Queensland and one for Northern Territory.

Senator PATERSON: And what were the targets?

Mr Pearson: I do not actually have the details of the targets with me. I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

Under the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform, each state and territory set five training outcome targets, including two in priority areas identified by the individual jurisdiction.

Queensland and the Northern Territory were the only jurisdictions to set a target for apprentice numbers.

According to the current Queensland Implementation Plan, their apprentice training target is to achieve 6715 cumulative commencements above the 2008–09 baseline by 2016.

According to the current Northern Territory Implementation Plan, their apprentice training target is to achieve 69 cumulative commencements above the 2008–09 baseline by 2016.