

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Marshall asked on 3/06/2010, Hansard page 65.

Question

TRENDS IN APPRENTICESHIPS

Mr Robertson—We could show you the trends in the apprenticeship data that says that the proportion of entrants who have year 12 is certainly growing, compared with the past when it was year 10 when you would traditionally leave school and go into an apprenticeship. CHAIR—Thank you.

Answer

- For all commencing apprentices and trainees:
 - Over the period 1995 to 2009 the proportion who had completed Year 12 increased from 41.7% to 46.1%.
 - This represents an increase of 98,285:
 - from 26,911 of 64,610 in 1995;to
 - 125,196 of 271,443 in 2009; and
 - a 365.2% increase overall in actual numbers.
 - Over the same period the proportion that had completed Year 10 or below has decreased from 41.0% to 38.8%.
 - This represents an increase of 60,663:
 - from 26,487 of 64,610 in 1995;to
 - 105,266 of 271,443 in 2009; and
 - a 297.4% increase overall in actual numbers.

This data has been sourced from NCVET, *Apprentice and trainee statistics - December 2009 -Collection 63* released in May 2010.