

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Nash asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 35.

Question

Withdrawal Rates from Productivity Places Program Courses

Senator NASH: Is there any definitive data on withdrawal? Is that something that is calculated along the way when a student withdraws from a course. Is that something that is—

Ms Paul: It is a good question. We will have to take that on notice, I would say, unless Ms Sakkara has got it but, yes, we will take that on notice.

Answer

Data for withdrawal rates under the Productivity Places Program National Partnership is not available.

Data for job seeker training places administered by the Department under the Australian Government delivery component of the program is available.

As at 30 June 2011, 128 560 job seekers commenced training under the Australian Government delivery component of the Productivity Places Program, of which 40 903 job seekers (31.8 per cent) have withdrawn from training. Of these withdrawals 14 728 were due to unsatisfactory completion of a qualification and 26 175 voluntarily discontinued training.

Job seeker commencements delivered by the Australian Government currently contribute about 50 per cent of the total reported job seeker commencements.