

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES 2009-10**

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Senator Abetz asked on 22 October 2009, EEWR Hansard page 97.

**Question**

*Division of Automotive Industry apprentices and trainees into Trades categories*

How many of the apprenticeships in the automotive sector are in panelbeating, spray-painting, mechanics, et cetera, as opposed to the actual manufacturing sector of the auto industry?’

**Answer**

According to the latest apprenticeship data released by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research, there were 32,603 apprentices and trainees in-training in the Automotive group of the Manufacturing Training Package. Of these, 1,147 were in ‘AUM - Automotive Industry Manufacturing’, and 31,456 were in ‘AUR - Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair’.

Apprentices in Retail, Service and Repair can only be imprecisely allocated to trades groups, because qualifications undertaken under the current training package AUR05 do not include descriptors such as ‘diesel fitter’ or ‘panel beater’. The superceded training package AUR99 did include these descriptors. Under AUR05, diesel fitters fall within ‘automotive mechanical’, and panel beaters within ‘automotive vehicle body’. With those caveats, the average of 31,456 Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair apprentices fall into trades groups as in the following table.

<b>Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair apprentices</b>		
<b>Occupational or Trade group</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Qualification, Comment</b>
Automotive Electrical Technology	4.9%	Certificate–III (97%)
Automotive Mechanical	63.7%	Certificate–III (95%)
Automotive Sales	5.1%	Certificate–III (79%)
Automotive Vehicle Body	16.4%	Certificate–III (95%)
Bicycles	0.4%	Certificate–III (81%)
Diesel trades AUR99	0.1%	Diesel fitter, fuel specialist
Heavy Vehicle (road, plant etc) AUR99	5.5%	Certificate–III
Marine	1.3%	Certificate–III (>98%)
Motorsport	<0.1%	Only 12 apprentices
Outdoor Power Equipment	0.9%	Certificate–III (93%)
Parts & Accessories; Aftermarket Mfg	1.2%	Certificate–III (95%)
Tyre Fitting and Repair AUR99	Nil	One only, in one quarter only
Various (administration, management)	0.4%	Certificates III–IV (70%)
Total In-training Retail, Service and Repair apprentices and trainees	Number 31,456	2008, Average of four quarters

Source: NCVET National Apprentice and Trainee Collection no. 60, June 2009 estimates. All counts cited are averages (the arithmetic mean) across all four quarters of 2008, and all proportions are derived from those averages.

Information about the training packages was obtained from the National Training Information Service (NTIS) website, and the Manufacturing Skills Australia website.