



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, TRAINING AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE Supplementary Question Nos. 1 and 2

The Standing Committee on Education, Training and Young People asked:

- Q1. At table 6 on page 46 it is stated that the full time participation rate at school for 17 year olds drops 9%, 9% and 10% respectively for 17 year olds in the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 [reporting month August]. What percentage of these entered VET courses in each of the years detailed?
- Q2. Following Question 1, for the following year 18 year old participation rates drop 79, 68 and 69% respectively for the years 2004, 2005 and 2006. What percentage of these entered VET courses in each of the years detailed?

MR BARR: The answer to questions 1 and 2 are:

The data in table 6 is derived from ABS data. The Department does not have access to individual data records to track the young people concerned.

However, students completing their year 12 certificate have a range of choices available to them. Entering a Vocational Education and Training course is one of those options. In August 2007, the Department of Education and Training undertook a post school survey of students who received a year 12 certificate at the end of 2006. The survey found that 80% of all students were employed in 2007 and 93% of students were either employed or studying.

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By the Minister for Education and Training, Mr Andrew Barr MLA