

## Estimates Committee 2005 Questions Taken On Notice

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**Question:** 2-5  
Would the Minister please provide a comparison of the commencements vs attrition in each of the trades, involving trainees and apprenticeships and the projections for these categories over the next four years of this term of government?

**Answer:**  
Answered On: 10/08/2005  
Answer: Based on data recorded with the National Centre for Vocational Education Research Centre over the period 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2004, 8100 apprentices and trainees commenced training in the Northern Territory.

In the same period 3901 apprentices and trainees completed their training.

This equates to a 48% completion rate.

In terms of differentiating between trainees and apprentices undertaking trade training, the most appropriate methodology would be to look at the qualification level.

Apprentices predominantly undertake trade training in qualifications at level III. Over the four-year period in question there were 4526 level III commencements and 2373 completions. This equates to around a 53% completion rate.

The figure for predominantly trainees at levels I, II, IV and Diploma qualifications saw 3574 commencements and 1528 completions.

This equates to a 43% completion rate.

A number of strategies are in place to improve completion rates including pre vocational programs, non registration of certificate I traineeships, non public funding of traineeships with very poor completion rates, increased funding for trade training and greater support for apprentices and trainees.

As per Budget Book 3, the estimated completion rate for 2005-06 is 48% and any projections beyond this timeframe will be dependent on

commencements and completion across all qualification levels in 2005, 2006 and 2007.