

## Estimates Committee 2016

### Questions Taken On Notice

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**Answer:**

Answered On: 06/07/2016

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**To:** The Hon Peter Styles MLA, Minister for Employment and Training

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**Question:** Minister, in terms of Territorians at 31 March 2016. How many were apprentices? How does this number compare to the same time in 2015, 2014 and 2013? And can you please provide a breakdown by trade?

**Answer:**

The table below identifies the number of Territorians that were in training as apprentices at 31 March for each of the given years.

	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Total</b>	1,999	2,065	2,158	2,284

The table below provides a breakdown of Territorian apprentices in training by trade group. The trade groups have been determined by their nationally assigned occupation classification.

Occupation	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Automotive</b>	333	389	404	422
<b>Cabinet Makers</b>	41	34	30	40
<b>Carpentry</b>	156	158	139	167
<b>Construction</b>	178	179	195	198
<b>Electrical and Telecommunications</b>	644	626	641	641
<b>Fabrication and Mechanical Engineering</b>	245	245	260	250
<b>Food</b>	136	119	112	121
<b>Hairdressing</b>	73	68	77	83
<b>Plant Operators (non-Civil)</b>	26	24	13	70
<b>Other Technicians and Trades</b>	167	223	287	292
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>2,065</b>	<b>2,158</b>	<b>2,284</b>

The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) has reported a continued national decline in apprenticeship and traineeship commencements, and attributes a proportion of this to a change in Australian Government incentive arrangements. Another contributing factor to the decline in apprenticeship and traineeship commencements can be associated with one employer who had 248 commencements in 2014 and has not commenced any other apprentices or trainees in 2015 or 2016.