

**Estimates Committee 2016**  
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**Answer:**  
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**To:** The Hon Peter Styles MLA, Minister for Employment and Training

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**Question:** Can you provide the Opposition with an analysis of the drop off in apprenticeships and traineeship commencements and the drop off in apprenticeship and trainee completions linked to key Northern Territory industries?

**Answer:**

The key Northern Territory industries as identified in the Northern Territory's Economic Development Strategy are Energy Resources, Minerals, Tourism and Agribusiness. The qualifications that were analysed relate directly to these industries and do not include qualifications that may be found in multiple industries.

Energy Resources and Minerals: Oil and gas drilling qualifications did not exist until 2009 and they now range from Certificate II through to Diploma for both onshore and offshore specialisations. There have been no apprenticeships or traineeships in the Northern Territory for these qualifications. The minerals industry is dominated by a small group of larger employers who historically took on a larger number of apprentices than they do currently. Declining industry activity has seen a corresponding decline in apprenticeship and traineeship commencements and completions.

Agribusiness: Agribusiness has not experienced a drop off in commencements and completions.

Tourism (including Hospitality): The Tourism and Hospitality sector has remained relatively stable since 2013 with a minor reduction in commencements and consistent completion numbers. The minor reduction in commencements can be attributed to a small number of larger employers that have either ceased employing apprentices and trainees or have reduced their apprenticeship/traineeship numbers over recent years.

Summary: Overall, student numbers (including apprentices and trainees) have not changed dramatically over the years; in fact they have increased since 2013. The availability of training under the student entitlement program has provided an alternative training pathway to apprenticeships and traineeships. Training is still occurring in these areas, just not necessarily through apprenticeships and traineeships.