

Estimates Committee 2008
Questions Taken On Notice

(17/6/2008 to 20/6/2008)

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Subject: Apprenticeships

From: Mr Terry Mills MLA to Ms Marion Scrymgour MLA
Minister for Employment Education and Training

Question: **4-1**
How many apprenticeships have been commenced and completed since 1995?

Answer:
Answered On: 18/06/2008

Minister: MINISTER SCRYMGOUR
Portfolio: MINISTER SCRYMGOUR'S PORTFOLIOS

Question on Notice 4.1

Mr MILLS: The question is: A provision of apprenticeship commencements and completions since 1995?

Mr CHAIRMAN: Minister, are you prepared to take that question on notice?

Ms SCRYMGOUR: Yes, we will provide that.

Mr CHAIRMAN. Thank you. For the purposes of *Hansard*, I allocate that Question No 4.1.

ANSWER:

Question on Notice: Estimates

4.1 Can the Minister provide apprenticeship commencements and completions since 1995?

Later qualification stated that we are only able to go back to 1999.

In addition was to include the split of apprenticeships and traineeships in the 9000+ to date with commencements and completions

1999 to 2001

	Commencements	Completions
Apprentice and Trainee	6,055	2,773

1. The completion numbers above show the total number of completed contracts for a set period, irrespective of the year of commencement. These figures cannot be compared.

2002 to 2008

	Commencements	Completions
Apprentice	9,998*	3,920
Trainee	6,462*	2,530
Total	16,460*	6,450
Grand Total	22,515	9,223

2008 In Training

***There are currently 3,848 Apprentices and Trainees 'In Training' and still working towards completing their qualification. 'In Training' numbers should be discounted from commencement numbers in any completion rate calculation.**

1. The completion numbers above show the total number of completed contracts for a set period, irrespective of the year of commencement. These figures should not be compared.

2. An indicative completion rate based on the 2002 to 2008 data could be completions divided by commencements discounted by the numbers still in training.

3. Percentage split of the 9360 commencements for apprentice and trainees in the NT target of 10,000 commencements is 45% and 55% respectively.

Notes:

1. Commencements in this table are derived from individual registered training contracts in the NT DEET DELTA database.
2. Between 1999 and 2003 apprenticeships and traineeships were not separated. This was due to the Northern Territory taking on the scheme of New Apprenticeships, which did not distinguish between the two contract types.
3. Final numbers of commencements and completions in the 2002 to 2008 data set are not complete as contract processing continues to impact on 2007 and 2008 years
4. Both Commonwealth and NT policy changes to User Choice have decreased the number of shorter duration qualifications.
5. The completion numbers above show the total number of completed contracts for a set period, irrespective of the year of commencement. These figures cannot be compared.
6. The move to higher level qualifications created longer training durations sometimes up to 6 years
7. Research indicates that interstate relocation and other employment opportunities are the 2 main contributing factors to not completing an apprenticeship/traineeship

Footnote: Data was extracted as at 15/6/2008.