

Question on Notice 1655

No.

Asked on 29 October 2009

Ms Davis asked the Minister for Education and Training (Mr Wilson) —

QUESTION:

With reference to VET in schools over the past three years—

Will the Minister detail the (a) number of secondary students in Queensland entering courses that lead to a Certificate III and (b) number of students entering a school based apprenticeship over the same period (listed separately)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question.

The number of secondary students in Queensland entering courses that lead to a Certificate III is sourced from the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) publications, 'VET in Schools'.

Data for Certificate III students is sourced from the 2006 and 2007 'VET in Schools' publications. The 2008 'VET in Schools' publication is not yet published by NCVER and the Certificate III data for 2008 is not yet available.

For the two available calendar years of 2006 and 2007, the number of Queensland secondary students in courses that lead to a Certificate III qualification were 7,132 and 7,413 respectively.

The number of Queensland students entering a school based apprenticeship was sourced from the department's apprenticeship and traineeship database.

The Department of Education and Training apprenticeship and traineeship database reported that the number of School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship commencements for the calendar years 2006, 2007 and 2008 was 7,504, 8,565 and 8,826 respectively.