

Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings.

Portfolio:	Employment
Witness:	Matt Carrick, Secretary, Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions
Committee Member:	Aiv Puglielli
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Relevant text:

Substantive: Can I ask, does the department collect data on workforce participation specifically of international students?

Supplementary: OK, yeah, if you are able to come back, if there is any way of gauging what that workforce participation rate within the international student cohort is, that would be great to know, and perhaps even a breakdown of the sorts of roles that they're undertaking as part of the workforce.

Answer:

The Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions does not collect data on workforce participation and occupations of international students, as this is undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

The ABS' 2021 Census provides information on labour force participation for temporary residents on student visas, with 63.6% of student visa holders in Australia employed in 2021 while completing their studies. The most common occupations for student visa holders during this time were Carers and Aides (11%), and the most common industry of employment was Food and Beverage Services (12%). This data was collected during the COVID pandemic and should be interpreted with caution.

The Victorian Government, through the Study Melbourne Hub, provides free and confidential legal support on employment matters, capacity building to increase awareness of international students' rights in the workplace, and a range of programs and activities to enhance international student employability.