1. The *Next Step* survey is in its fourth year and shows the initial study and work destinations of young people after leaving school, approximately six months after they completed their Year 12 studies.
2. The survey covered students who completed Year 12 in 2007, whether they attended a Government, Catholic or independent school, or a TAFE secondary college.
3. The *Next Step* survey was conducted in order to assist:

* parents and the wider public to know the achievements of students and to appreciate the range of options available to students
* schools to review and plan their services for students, especially in the senior years of schooling
* school systems to review their education policies as they affect the transition from school to further study and employment
* training bodies, universities, business and industry, local government and regional planners to plan their services.

1. The main destinations show that 92.7 per cent of Year 12 completers were studying or in paid employment.
2. Six in ten (60.6 per cent) continued in some recognised form of education or training in the year after they left school. More than one-third (34.4 per cent) were undertaking a university degree and 26.2 per cent were enrolled in vocational education and training (VET).
3. Four in ten (39.4 per cent) did not enter post-school education or training and were either employed (32.1 per cent), looking for work (5.8 per cent) or neither working nor seeking work (1.5 per cent).
4. A comparison of the 2008 Next Step survey results with those from previous years reveals that the main destinations of Year 12 completers over these four years were similar, with most destination categories showing little change.
5. Cabinet noted the results of the *Next Step* 2008 survey and that the report would be published.
6. *Attachments*

* [Next Step 2008: A report on the destinations of Year 12 completers from 2007 in Queensland](attachments/nextstep08.pdf)