

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Industry Portfolio  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** TAFE Funding Agreements

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Kim Carr

**QUESTION No.:** AI-150

With regard to TAFE funding agreements:

1. Can the department provide an update on the distribution of funding to date this financial year to each State and Territory?
2. Are there any proposed changes to the funding amounts set out in each State and Territory's funding agreements?
3. Can the department provide a breakdown of where the funds have been distributed in respect to:
  - a. Rural and regional areas;
  - b. The amount spent on Indigenous students;
  - c. The amount spent on students with disabilities;
  - d. The amount that private training providers have received; and,
  - e. The amount of funding provided to TAFE (in each State and Territory)?
4. Does the Federal Government remain committed to supporting TAFE as the public provider?
5. What measures is this Government taking to ensure that TAFE remains a strong public provider? Is this being monitored? Is this reported publicly?

**ANSWER**

1. In 2013-14 the Commonwealth allocated a total of \$1.6 billion to states and territories under funding associated with the National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development and under the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform (Skills Reform NP).

*Total funding: National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development and National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform (\$ million)*

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	TOTAL
<b>2013-14</b>	530.5	409.0	330.5	176.3	119.9	36.8	27.3	17.0	<b>1,647.3</b>

Source: 2013-14 Federal Budget Paper No. 3 (page 65-66)

2. No.
3. Please see answer to Question on Notice AI-29.
4. The Australian Government recognises the important role of TAFE in a competitive market.
5. Please see answer to Question on Notice AI-30.