TERMS OF REFERENCE

On 27 June 1996, the Commonwealth Minister for Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs, Senator Amanda Vanstone, wrote to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr Bob Charles, MP, requesting the Committee to inquire into and report on the factors influencing the employment of young people.

ADVERTISING THE INQUIRY

The inquiry was advertised nationally in *The Australian Financial Review* on Friday 28 June 1996 and *The Weekend Australian* on Saturday 29 June 1996. The Committee wrote to the relevant Commonwealth Ministers and to State and Territory Governments. In addition, the Committee wrote to over 150 youth and community associations, industry training advisory boards, businesses and trade and industry associations inviting them to make a submission.

EVIDENCE TO THE INQUIRY

The Committee received 144 submissions from 127 parties of which all but one were authorised for publication. These submissions are listed at Appendix II.

The Committee received 123 exhibits to the inquiry which were provided as attachments to written submissions or offered to the Committee at public hearings. These are listed at Appendix III.

Public hearings

The Committee initiated the active phase of the inquiry at a private meeting with business and community representatives in Melbourne. Then followed a comprehensive schedule of public hearings at: Sydney, Blacktown, Nowra, Merimbula and Wagga Wagga, NSW; Melbourne, Sale and Seymour, Victoria; Brisbane, Roma, Charleville, Longreach and Mt Isa, Qld; Kununurra, Broome, Carnarvon and Kalgoorlie, WA; Adelaide, SA; Hobart, Tasmania; Canberra, ACT; and Darwin and Alice Springs, NT. Inspections were conducted in Melbourne and Adelaide. During the inquiry, the Committee conducted a public hearing using video-conferencing technology, the first such hearing by a House of Representatives committee. The Committee called 193 witnesses. Details of the hearings and witnesses who appeared are in Appendix IV.

School forums

The Committee also took evidence from secondary students in years 10, 11 and 12 at school forums held at: Caboolture, Qld; Blacktown, Nowra and Wagga Wagga, NSW; Sale and Seymour, Victoria; Broome, Carnarvon and Kalgoorlie, WA; Hobart, Tasmania; and Darwin, NT. In total 303 secondary students and 4 teachers participated in the school forums. Details of the school forums and participating students and teachers are in Appendix IV.

Transcript of evidence

At the school forums and public hearings combined, 1724 pages of evidence were recorded by *Hansard*. The transcript of evidence taken at public hearings and school forums, and copies of all written submissions on the public record will be made available for inspection at the Committee Office of the House of Representatives and at the National Library of Australia.

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| 1 | Mr Harold Day Jour Toujours | 02/07/96 |
| 2 | Mr Brett Dawson | 03/07/96 |
| 3 | Dr Tricia Fox Queensland University of Technology | 03/07/96 |
| 4 | Dr P N Junankar The Australian National University | 04/07/96 |
| 5 | Mr Collin Ball The Community Change Partnership | 04/07/96 |
| 6 | Ms Claire Payne David Payne & Co | 09/07/96 |
| 6.1 | Ms Claire Payne David Payne & Co | 05/08/96 |
| 7 | Mr David Norbury | 16/07/96 |
| 8 | Mr Graeme Pannell Fassifern Community Centre | 17/07/96 |
| 9 | Mr John Gilmour Gilmour's Comfort Shoes Pty Ltd | 18/07/96 |
| 10 | Mr Robert Day Homestead Award Winning Homes Pty Ltd | 18/07/96 |
| 10.1 | Mr Robert Day Homestead Award Winning Homes Pty Ltd | 26/09/96 |
| 11 | Mr Nick Murray Forest and Forest Products Employment Skills Company Ltd | 19/07/96 |
| 12 | Mr Marcus L'Estrange | 24/07/96 |
| 13 | Mr Geoff Brookes Property Services Training Australia | 25/07/96 |
| 14 | Mr John McCormack | 29/07/96 |
| 15 | Mr Graham Farrar Hotel Motel and Accommodation Association | 29/07/96 |
| 16 | Mr Tony Palladino Industry Training Advisory Body Ltd | 30/07/96 |
| 17 | Mr Colin Lang The Bensons Group Pty Ltd | 30/07/96 |
| 18 | Mr Ray Jamieson | 30/07/96 |

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| 19 | Ms Rosalie Karim Tourism Training Australia | 30/07/96 |
| 19.1 | Ms Rosalie Karim Tourism Training Australia | 31/07/96 |
| 20 | Mr Dionisio Camacho | 30/07/96 |
| 21 | Mr Frank Schaper Stirling Skills Training Incorporated | 02/08/96 |
| 22 | Mrs Cam Nguyen Australian Vietnamese Women's Welfare Association Inc | 31/07/96 |
| 23 | Mr P Naylor Australian Retailers Association | 31/07/96 |
| 23.1 | Mr P Naylor Australian Retailers Association | 02/10/96 |
| 23.2 | Mr Bill Healey Australian Retailers Association | 10/02/97 |
| 24 | Ms Emily Nixon Fairfield Youth Workers Network | 31/07/96 |
| 25 | Mr Phillip Hilton | 31/07/96 |
| 26 | Brother Barry Lamb Marist Brothers Monastery | 31/07/96 |
| 27 | Mr Ken McGill Greater Western Sydney Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc | 31/07/96 |
| 27.1 | Mr Ken McGill Greater Western Sydney Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc | 23/09/96 |
| 28 | Ms Jenny Walker Victorian Parents Council Inc | 31/07/96 |
| 29 | Mrs Marita Crowther Victorian Federation of Catholic Parents Clubs Inc | 31/07/96 |
| 30 | Mr Peter Coad Tasmanian Building and Construction Industry Training Board | 01/08/96 |
| 30.1 | Mr Peter Coad Tasmanian Building and Construction Industry Training Board | 19/02/97 |
| 31 | Mr Chas Cook | 01/08/96 |
| 32 | Mr James Tinslay National Electrical Contractors Association | 01/08/96 |
| 33 | Mr Rohan Jeffs Woolworths Ltd | 02/08/96 |

| 34 | Mr Peter Wilson Construction Training Australia | 02/08/96 |
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| 34.1 | Mr Peter Wilson Construction Training Australia | 09/08/96 |
| 35 | Ms Susan Scott The Royal Australian Institute of Architects | 02/08/96 |
| 36 | Mr Brian Charlton Life Engineering | 02/08/96 |
| 37 | Mr David Barker Diecraft | 01/08/96 |
| 38 | Mr Denis Wagner Wagners | 05/08/96 |
| 39 | Ms Valerie Ahearn Adult Community Education | 05/08/96 |
| 40 | Mr David Rosalky Department of Industrial Relations | 05/08/96 |
| 40.1 | Mr David Rosalky Department of Industrial Relations | 15/10/96 |
| 40.2 | Mr David Rosalky Department of Industrial Relations | 10/07/97 |
| 41 | Mr Richard Bruggemann Intellectual Disability Services Council | 05/08/96 |
| 42 | Mr Ron Stone Australian Council of Education Centres | 05/08/96 |
| 43 | Mr P J K Broadhurst MRAEL Group Training Company | 06/08/96 |
| 44 | Mr Ken Williams WorkPlacement Inc | 06/08/96 |
| 45 | Mr Ian Lampl ACT Chamber of Commerce & Industry | 07/08/96 |
| 46 | Mr Ian Baldock Queensland Retail Traders and Shopkeepers Association | 09/08/96 |
| 47 | Mr Des Caulfield National Mining Industry Training Advisory Body | 08/08/96 |
| 48 | Professor Pat Hope University of Ballarat | 08/08/96 |
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| 49 | Mr Ross Jones Central Western Sydney Area Consultative Committee | 08/08/96 |
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| 50 | Mr Mike Alves Confederation of ACT Industry | 09/08/96 |
| 51 | Ms Carolyn Ovens Australian Council of Trade Unions | 12/08/96 |
| 52 | Mr Greg Andrews Arts Queensland | 12/08/96 |
| 53 | Mr Mike Stackpool Association of Parents and Friends of ACT Schools Inc | 12/08/96 |
| 54 | Ms Annie Chapman YMCA | 12/08/96 |
| 55 | Ms Joan Hutcheson | 13/08/96 |
| 56 | Dr John Burgess University of Newcastle | 14/08/96 |
| 57 | Mr Larry Davies Western Australia Department of Training | 14/08/96 |
| 58 | Ms Loretta Winstanley Finance & Administration Industry Training Advisory Body Ltd | 15/08/96 |
| 58.1 | Ms Loretta Winstanley Finance & Administration Industry Training Advisory Body Ltd | 25/09/96 |
| 59 | Mr Brett J Harvey The Salvation Army | 15/08/96 |
| 60 | Mr Phillip Bushby Real Estate Institute of Australia Ltd | 16/08/96 |
| 61 | Mr Noel Wulff | 16/08/96 |
| 62 | Ms Marea Moulton South East NSW Area Consultative Committee | 19/08/96 |
| 62.1 | Ms Marea Moulton South East NSW Area Consultative Committee | 07/04/97 |
| 63 | Replaced by Submission No 67 | 30/08/96 |
| 64 | Mr Mic Emslie | 12/09/96 |

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| 65 | Ms Alison McClelland Brotherhood of St Laurence | 5/09/96 |
| 66 | Professor Sandra Humphrey Central West Area Consultative Committee | 9/09/96 |
| 67 | The Hon Bronwyn Bishop Defence Industry, Science and Personnel | 09/09/96 |
| 67.1 | The Hon Bronwyn Bishop Defence Industry, Science and Personnel | 22/11/96 |
| 68 | Mr Warwick Hough Restaurant & Catering Association of NSW | 11/09/96 |
| 69 | Mr John Braddy Automotive Training Australia Ltd | 11/09/96 |
| 70 | Mr Rafik Mankarious McDonald's Australia Limited | 18/09/96 |
| 71 | The Hon Amanda Vanstone Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs | 17/09/96 |
| 71.1 | Ms Frances Davies Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs | 22/01/97 |
| 71.2 | Ms Frances Davies Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs | 14/08/97 |
| 72 | Mr Ian Harrison South Australian Employers' Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc | 26/09/96 |
| 73 | Ms Jane Edwards Northern Interactive Education Coordinated Area Program (NIECAP) | 23/09/96 |
| 74 | Ms Georgina Ryder Glen Eira Youth Service's Network | 24/09/96 |
| 75 | Mr Greg Hatton Motor Traders' Association of New South Wales | 14/10/96 |
| 76 | Withheld from publication | 16/10/96 |

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| 77 | Confidential | 19/08/96 |
| 78 | Ms Sandra George Western Port Area Consultative Committee Inc | 18/10/96 |
| 79 | Mr K M Redfern Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce | 25/10/96 |
| 80 | Mr Warren Oxnam Royal Australian Institute of Parks and Recreation | 31/10/96 |
| 81 | Mr Warwick Hough Restaurant & Catering Industry Association of Australia | 01/11/96 |
| 82 | Associate Professor Graham Mulroney Victorian Industry Education Partnerships | 01/11/96 |
| 83 | Ms Kate Carnell ACT Legislative Assembly | 08/11/96 |
| 83.1 | Ms Kate Carnell ACT Legislative Assembly | 17/01/97 |
| 84 | Mr Roger Wilkins The Cabinet Office, New South Wales | 08/11/96 |
| 85 | Miss Kathryn Gunn | 12/11/96 |
| 86 | Mr Peter Hosking Coles Myer Ltd | 14/11/96 |
| 87 | Mr Terry Moran Australian National Training Authority | 13/11/96 |
| 88 | Ms Gabrielle Dorward National Food Industry Training Council Ltd | 13/11/96 |
| 89 | Ms Penny Carr Youth Affairs Network of Queensland Inc | 13/11/96 |
| 90 | Dr C H Payne Northern Territory Department of Education | 19/11/96 |
| 91 | Mr Douglas Strain Construction Industry Training Board | 19/11/96 |
| 92 | Mr Gil Kommer Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Board | 28/11/96 |
| 93 | Ms Sam Valich Hills District Youth Service | 28/11/96 |

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| 94 | The Hon Rob Borbidge, Premier Queensland Government | 2/12/96 | |
| 95 | Mr Julian Pocock Australian Youth Policy and Action Coalition | 03/12/96 | |
| 96 | Mr Vic Delosa Breaking the Cycle Ltd | 06/12/96 | |
| 97 | Ms Judy Turnbull Dusseldorp Skills Forum | 12/12/96 | |
| 98 | Mr Graeme Triggs | 17/01/97 | |
| 99 | The Hon Norman Moore, MLC Minister for Employment and Training WA | 17/01/97 | |
| 100 | Mr Brian Kinnear Licensed Clubs Association of South Australia | 05/02/97 | |
| 101 | Mr Ian Blandthorn National Retail & Wholesale Industry Training Council Ltd | 20/02/97 | |
| 102 | Mr Michael Delaney Motor Trades Association of Australia | 24/02/97 | |
| 103 | Mr Stan Joiner Building Group Apprenticeship Scheme Ltd | 14/02/97 | |
| 104 | The Hon Colin Barnett Minister for Education WA | 10/02/97 | |
| 105 | Mr Richard Mulcahy Australian Hotels Association | 05/03/97 | |
| 105.1 | Mr Richard Mulcahy Australian Hotels Association | 13/05/97 | |
| 106 | Mr Peter Strachan Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs, Alice Springs | 18/03/97 | |
| 107 | Mr Mark Doecke Yirara College of the Finke River Mission Inc | 24/03/97 | |
| 108 | Mr Kevin Jarick Golden West Group Training | 02/04/97 | |
| 109 | Mr Frank Keenan Longreach Pastoral College | 03/04/97 | |

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| 110 | Ms Jilinda Caldwell The Look, Hair & Beauty Cottage | 03/04/97 | |
| 111 | Mrs Irene Smith Barcaldine Business Council | 03/04/97 | |
| 112 | Mr Brett Walsh Barcaldine Progress Association Inc | 03/04/97 | |
| 113 | Mr Norman Potter Shoalcare | 07/04/97 | |
| 114 | Mr Peter Bartter Bartter Enterprises | 09/04/97 | |
| 115 | Ms Peta Beelen Riverina Area Consultative Committee Inc | 09/04/97 | |
| 116 | Ms Lancy Collins Carnarvon SkillShare Inc | 30/04/97 | |
| 116.1 | Ms Lancy Collins Carnarvon SkillShare Inc | 30/05/97 | |
| 117 | Mr Peter Kneebone Derby Chamber of Commerce Inc | 29/04/97 | |
| 118 | Mr Mark Burke Mark Burke Constructions | 07/04/97 | |
| 119 | The Hon Denis Napthine, MP Minister for Youth and Community Services VIC | 30/04/97 | |
| 120 | Mr Lyndon Rowe Chamber of Commerce & Industry Western Australia | 02/05/97 | |
| 121 | Mr Alan Humphreys Wellington Shire Council | 26/05/97 | |
| 122 | Ms Helen Disney Relationships Australia | 16/06/97 | |
| 123 | Mr Laqui Papalii Top End Group Training Pty Ltd | 17/06/97 | |
| 124 | Mr Bob Herbert Metal Trades Industry Association of Australia | 23/06/97 | |
| 125 | M J Parnell Toolooa State High School | 20/06/97 | |
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| 84 | Mr Ian Lampl, ACT Chamber of Commerce & Industry | Outline of a Consultancy on the Northern Australian Skills Shortages Project | |
| 85 | Mr Ian McFarlane, Rural Training Council of Australia Inc | Skills Shortages in the Rural Industry - Information | |
| 86 | Mr Leo van Neuren, InfoComP Training | Vocational Education & Training Plan for 1997-98 | |
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| 118 | Mr Scott Roberts, Mount Isa Mines Limited | Breakdown of Ages by Area as at April 3 1997 | |
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ACT Chamber of Commerce & Industry - ACT

Mrs Pam Scarr, Executive Director

Mr Graeme Trompf, Program Manager, ACT Youth Joblink

Department of Industrial Relations

Mr Philip Drever, Assistant Secretary, Labour Relations Policy Branch

Mr Barry Leahy, First Assistant Secretary, Policy Division

Mr John Stewart, Director, Training & Skills Formation Section

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Appendix VI: The Industry Reference Group's proposals on the implementation of the Modern Australian Apprenticeship and traineeship system (maats)

Proposal 1

The Reference Group proposes that:

- (a) (a) client demand through User Choice combined with flexible and responsive practices should drive resource management and training delivery.
- (b) (b) VET systems should maximise opportunities for structured training, where relevant, in all industries through the development of new products such as Training Packages.

Proposal 2

- (c) (a) The Reference Group proposes that a professionally designed and implemented marketing strategy be developed.
- (d) (b) Such a strategy needs to identify and effectively target audiences. Key audiences include:
 - (i) (i) employers in a manner that is appropriate to their size, with a special emphasis on small business
 - (ii) (ii) employees who require information on pathways and outcomes
 - (iii) (iii) parents, educators and career advisers
 - (iv) (iv) young people, and
 - (v) (v) those disadvantaged in the labour market.
- (e) (c) The strategy should focus on products and outcomes, not systems and processes, must emphasise the added value to business of new skills, must be tailored to the needs of different industry sectors, and must coincide with the development of new products and administrative arrangements.
- (f) (d) The strategy shall be supported by simple, easily accessible information.

Proposal 3

The Reference Group proposes the inclusion of structured training leading to outcomes at levels 5 and 6 of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) where programs involve an employment element. However, the application of these arrangements through contracts of training should be optional and the prohibition on junior employment should not be extended to these areas.

Proposal 4

The Reference Group proposes that State/Territory and Commonwealth Governments agree on resource levels to underpin growth in employment through Group Training Companies under the joint Commonwealth-State agreement on group training.

Proposal 5

The Reference Group proposes that strategies to encourage employment growth through group training should reflect the need for Group Training Companies to demonstrate their value to industry and ensure that extra funding results in an increase in the number of apprentices/trainees rather than greater administrative overheads.

Proposal 6

The Reference Group proposes that Group Training Companies should not be given regulatory responsibilities within the MAATS framework, in particular approving Training Agreements, developing or approving the elements of Training Packages, acting as approving authorities or monitoring contracts of training where they relate to the apprentices/trainees of other employers.

Proposal 7

The Reference Group proposes that VET in schools should increase, rather than limit, pathways for those leaving school at the end of Year 12. Senior students who undertake VET in schools need to do so as part of a broad general education program that combines a senior secondary certificate with nationally recognised vocational education and training.

Proposal 8

The Reference Group proposes that arrangements be established for apprenticeships/traineeships which are commenced in schools through guidelines that clearly determine the relationships between and responsibilities of the school, the employer and the student apprentice/trainee. The Training Agreement will generally include provisions for further work and training after the secondary school certificate has been completed.

Proposal 9

The Reference Group proposes that coordination at the local level for work placement be improved between:

(g) (a) schools, VET employers and government sponsored agencies and programs to ensure adequate placements for students without undue pressure on employers.

- (h) (b) school systems and VET to facilitate maximum credit transfer.
- (i) (c) schools, VET and employers to ensure maximum take up of apprenticeships and traineeships for students.

Proposal 10

The Reference Group proposes that labour market assistance containing training elements should articulate into recognised VET activity by utilising the National Training Framework to link labour market training to endorsed national competency standards through recognised training programmes and the formal incorporation of recognition of prior learning arrangements or other assessment mechanisms.

Proposal 11

The Reference Group proposes that the National Training Framework be enhanced by the adoption of the principles and processes set out in Section 3.1 to Section 3.5. This includes:

- (j) (a) establishing endorsed national competency standards and national qualifications as the cornerstones of the National Training Framework, with nationally endorsed competency standards driving the outcomes achieved under the Australian Qualifications Framework.
- (k) (b) implementing quality assurance mechanisms, including rigorous audit processes involving industry representation, to underpin implementation of the Framework and to guarantee quality outcomes.
- (l) (c) developing Training Packages, based on endorsed national competency standards, assessment guidelines and national qualifications. These three components are to be the only endorsed elements of the package. A range of industry relevant training tools and resources may support the endorsed elements of the Training Packages, including:
 - (i) (i) assessment materials
 - (ii) (ii) learning strategies
 - (iii) (iii) professional development materials, and
 - (iv) (iv) unit cost information.
- (m) (d) implementing nationally consistent recognition arrangements that, at a minimum, provide for:
 - (i) (i) provider registration that is focused on the delivery of national competency standards and which allows for customisation
 - (ii) (ii) course accreditation (should it continue to be required) which may be delegated/devolved to providers, and

- (iii) (iii) simplified processes for the Declaration of Vocations (if they continue).
- (n) (e) empowering the National Training Framework Committee (replacing the SCC) to resolve inconsistencies in the alignment of standards to qualifications where agreement cannot be reached between individual jurisdictions.
- (o) (f) funding for national Training Packages, particularly standards development and review and assessment guidelines activity, be given high priority. The costs of audit and other quality assurance strategies should be given appropriate priority and reflected in Commonwealth/State business arrangements through ANTA.
- (p) (g) implementation by MINCO of effective mutual recognition arrangements which:
 - (i) (i) ensure that providers registered in one part of the country can operate on a national basis
 - (ii) (ii) ensure that providers fully recognise and credit the outcomes of all other providers, and
 - (iii) (iii) include the mutual recognition of declared vocations (if they are to continue).
- (q) (h) implementation arrangements should include transitional provisions related to recognised training where national competency standards do not exist.

Proposal 12

The Reference Group has identified three options for the future handling of Declaration of Vocations. The majority of members prefer Option A. It is the view of the Reference Group that a consistent system be adopted across all States/Territories.

Option A

State/Territory VET legislation be amended to remove the Declaration of Vocations or equivalent, and as an alternative use nationally endorsed competency standards and qualifications outcomes supported by national Training Packages leading to specific training programmes approved at the industry, State/Territory or regional level. This would:

- (r) (a) require the establishment of a new resource allocation model at the Commonwealth (employer subsidies) and State/Territory (off-the-job training) level for publicly funded VET.
- (s) (b) mean industrial relations arrangements would be triggered on the signing of a Training Agreement.

(t) (c) require that endorsed standards specify not only how standards may be packaged for a particular AQF level but also how apprenticeships and traineeships may be packaged in those levels.

This approach could be implemented over an agreed time frame, with the effective operation of the National Training Framework and the development of Training Packages being a prerequisite for implementation. Consideration might be given to trialing the approach in selected industries as packages come on stream.

Option B

States/Territories cease to declare vocations from an agreed date but leave existing declarations in place while the relevant industry uses them. Under this option:

- (u) (a) all new training arrangements will be based on national Training Packages as per Option A.
- (v) (b) a new funding model is required as funding would be uncoupled from declarations.
- (w) (c) enhancements to the National Training Framework will need to be in place and working effectively.

Option C

Retain the existing arrangements for Declarations of Vocations. If declarations are to stay in place, States and Territories should agree:

- (a) that there be mutual recognition of declared vocations between all jurisdictions so that once a vocation is declared in one jurisdiction it will be recognised in all.
- (y) (b) that all declarations adopt a common nomenclature and consistent classification.
- (z) (c) that all declared vocations be based on endorsed national competency standards, provide an outcome against the AQF, and that articulation and progression through all levels be established.
- (aa) (d) that declarations be subject to review and abolished if no longer used.
- (bb) (e) that approval of new arrangements be based on industry/enterprise demand and that approval powers rest with a broad cross-section of industry, including adequate representation from the industry seeking the declaration.
- (cc) (f) that client service standards for processing applications be established.
- (dd) (g) that resource allocation processes be separated from the declaration process.

Under each option those under Training Agreements should continue to have access to publicly funded training, taking into account government priorities.

Declarations of Trades provide for the prohibition of junior employment in those declared occupations. In the absence of any research on the likely effect of the removal of this prohibition, the Reference Group has not proposed the current arrangements be changed.

Proposal 13

- (ee) (a) The Reference Group proposes that under MAATS, Training Agreements:
 - (i) (i) become more focused on the achievement of competencies while continuing to provide a bridge to industrial relations provisions
 - (ii) should involve only the employer and person (parents in the case of minors) or people in training as parties and continue to be a binding contract on the parties to them, with State/Territory Training Authorities or their delegates being a point of registration
 - (iii) could act as a single trigger for industrial relations arrangements and Commonwealth and State/Territory payments consistent with government priorities
 - (iv) (iv) have a nationally consistent format with specified minimum requirements, and
 - (v) (v) continue to be registered in a manner that allows effective monitoring and data collection.
- (ff) (b) A group representative of governments and industry, including unions, should be established to provide advice on a nationally consistent format and the minimum requirements for Training Agreements. It should also advise on streamlined approval and monitoring processes which avoid conflicts of interest, protect apprentices/trainees, and provide industry leadership.
- (gg) (c) The Reference Group also proposes that the approving process for agreements should continue to be a State/Territory function, possibly subject to delegation. It should be based on quality processes and not front-end inspection.

Proposal 14

The Reference Group proposes that:

- (hh) (a) the monitoring of Training Agreements be reformed to focus on quality training outcomes in the context of competency based training.
- (ii) (b) all aspects of compliance with the agreement should initially be able to be dealt with by one body so the parties to the agreement face a simple system. This would mainly relate to matters affecting the acquisition of the

agreed competencies such as training activities, assessment, and associated work. This should continue to be dealt with by State/Territory Training Authorities or their delegates. Alleged breaches of the industrial awards or agreements referred to in the Training Agreements should be resolved as determined under the appropriate legislation.

- (jj) (c) consideration should be given to the delegation of all or some of the monitoring functions to appropriate bodies with necessary expertise and independence from, or a strategy to handle, conflict of interest. The responsibility for registering and terminating agreements and for conduct of appeals should remain with the State/Territory Training Authority.
- (kk) (d) the costs of the audit and other quality assurance strategies should be given appropriate priority under Commonwealth/State business arrangements.

Proposal 15

The Reference Group proposes that following the passage of the Federal Workplace Relations Bill, approving authorities established under that legislation should be underpinned by the following principles:

- (ll) (a) no conflicts of interest exist, or where they do, a strategy to manage those conflicts is in place.
- (mm) (b) they have the technical skills and resources to be able to participate effectively in the national VET system.
- (nn) (c) they are able to operate in a manner which respects individuals' rights to privacy.

Proposal 16

The Reference Group proposes that in establishing MAATS, the Commonwealth and States/Territories collaborate to ensure a single system of training administration is developed that meets the needs of both industry/enterprises and individuals in training.

Proposal 17

Noting decisions Ministers have taken regarding the implementation of User Choice by 1 January 1998, the Reference Group proposes that a clear timetable for full implementation of new arrangements across Australia be established.

Proposal 18

- (oo) (a) The Reference Group endorses the decision taken by Ministers at their July meeting to adopt User Choice as the basis of public funding of apprenticeships and traineeships. The Reference Group believes the best way to achieve an industry led system is through User Choice combined with a system more flexible and responsive to industry/enterprise needs.
- (pp) (b) The Reference Group proposes that the principles for User Choice prepared by the User Choice Working Party be endorsed, noting that the issue of regional provision needs to be further developed by the User Choice Working Party.

Proposal 19

The Reference Group proposes that industry involvement in decision making should be increased through:

- (qq) (a) the introduction of the National Training Framework to ensure that national qualifications are linked to national competency standards developed by industry and enterprises. Greater capacity for industry leadership in the development of the accompanying Training Packages for key sectors.
- (rr) (b) the National Training Framework allowing enterprises, industries and regions to develop and implement in direct partnerships with providers their own training programmes without the need for external approval.
- (ss) (c) industry involvement in the process of auditing the performance of training providers and assessment arrangements to ensure that the national competency standards are in fact being achieved.
- (tt) (d) delegating State/Territory training approval and monitoring processes in respect of apprenticeship and traineeship agreements to industry groups that meet agreed quality assurance requirements.

Proposal 20

The Reference Group supports the development of an integrated entry level training support service on a regional or industry sector basis and proposes that the Commonwealth's evaluation of the Contracted Entry Level Training Agencies (CELTAs) pilot in 1996-97 be a collaborative exercise involving industry, State/Territory Training Authorities and ANTA.

Proposal 21

The Reference Group proposes that:

- (uu) (a) information on MAATS be widely available, and that there be access to advice which is appropriate in form and content to the different groups likely to require it.
- (vv) (b) educational support programmes be enhanced to boost completion rates and to assist young people who may experience difficulties in dealing with workplace requirements.
- (ww) (c) all groups participating as brokers on behalf of governments should enter into equity performance agreements with the government funding agency.
- (xx) (d) entrants to MAATS should include long term unemployed youth and those at risk. Labour market programmes involving organised training wherever possible should articulate into MAATS activity.
- (yy) (e) further research into the groups likely to seek entry to MAATS is required. Such research should aim to:
 - (i) identify any groups which have in the past sought but failed to gain entry to apprenticeships and traineeships and the barriers that have excluded them
 - (ii) identify elements of existing arrangements which have operated to discourage women and those in other disadvantaged groups from seeking or gaining entry to apprenticeships and traineeships
 - (iii) (iii) identify those groups who would undertake further entry-level training if they were aware of it
 - (iv) (iv) establish some benchmark data on the level of understanding of further education and training options, especially other than university, among senior high school students, and
 - (v) (v) identify mechanisms to ensure that User Choice decisions by employers improve access by disadvantaged groups.
- (zz) (f) opportunities should be expanded by directing initiatives for the expansion of MAATS into industries and areas of strategic importance, those not currently benefiting from existing apprenticeship and traineeship programmes, and/or those occupations where apprenticeships and traineeships exist where there have not been structured training opportunities. This is not to be undertaken through the reduction of funding for traditional traineeships and apprenticeships.
- (aaa) (g) government should investigate and address the need to develop/increase structured training in areas traditionally dominated by women where there has not been recognised/structured training.

(bbb) (h) government should participate in initiatives that increase/progress the participation of women in traditional apprenticeships.

Proposal 22

- (ccc) (a) In the implementation of MAATS the Reference Group proposes that the Commonwealth, States and Territories establish an effective implementation arrangement for MAATS based on the following principles:
 - (i) (i) a clear statement of roles and responsibilities
 - (ii) (ii) transparency of process
 - (iii) (iii) minimal duplication
 - (iv) (iv) clear accountability arrangements which are driven by specific outcomes, not process, and
 - (v) (v) clear timetable for implementation, noting the agreed timetable for full implementation of User Choice arrangements.
- (ddd) (b) The Reference Group proposes that the objectives, roles and responsibilities should be reflected in the current business arrangements, that is:
 - (i) (i) State Training Profiles (or their replacement)
 - (ii) (ii) performance agreements with Group Training Companies, ITABs and ITCs
 - (iii) (iii)contracts with industry bodies or community groups undertaking brokerage or regulatory roles, and
 - (iv) (iii) purchasing arrangements with training providers.

Proposal 23

- (eee) (a) The Reference Group is concerned to ensure that the MAATS initiative is adequately resourced and believes it is the main priority within the National VET system and proposes that funding priority go to employees/enterprises that have entered into Training Agreements within available resources and identified priorities. This needs to be supported by funding for the development of National Training Packages and the adequate resourcing of groups which through delegation or devolution take on the administrative functions associated with regulating a quality structured training system.
- (b) In terms of the broader resource policy issues it is proposed that the ANTA Board provide policy options for the future basis of resource allocation for VET in a changed regulatory environment proposed for MAATS.