

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Use of school funding for TAFE activities

Question

Senator CAMERON: Thanks. Sorry, Senator Kakoschke-Moore.

Senator Birmingham: Very quickly, just for the record, I have been messaging our associate secretary in schools, Tony Cook. There is a possibility—and we will answer this on notice as well—that some schools funding provided to states may actually reflect enrolments in years 11 and 12 intakes as well.

Senator CAMERON: That is good.

Answer

In 2016–17, the Australian Government will spend approximately \$3.2 billion on VET. This includes \$2.0 billion in payments to states and territories for the operation of their training systems and \$1.2 billion for the Government's own programs.

State and territory governments have responsibility for running their own training systems. As part of this, state governments decide how much funding to provide to training and how it should be spent.

To receive government recurrent funding for schools, a TAFE would also have to be registered in the relevant jurisdiction as a school. There are no TAFEs that receive recurrent funding under the *Australian Education Act 2013*.