

## Senate Committee: Education and Employment

### QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

#### Outcome: Skills and Training

#### Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000632

Senator Paterson, James asked on 31 May 2017, Proof Hansard page 102

#### *National partnership agreement*

#### Question

Senator PATERSON: What does the report on government services say about state and territory VET funding at the time the Commonwealth VET payments to states were increasing?

Mr Pearson: You mean across the life of the national partnership agreements?

Senator PATERSON: Yes.

Mr Pearson: Across the life of the agreement—from 2012 through to the most recent available information, which I think is 2015—investment by the states has declined.

Senator PATERSON: You might need to do this on notice, but can you outline it by state and territory?

Mr Pearson: I would probably need to take that on notice.

#### Answer

The information provided in the Report on Government Services does not answer this question.

According to the NCVER Finance Collection:

#### **Additional State and Territory Expenditure on VET 2012–2015 (\$ millions)**

	2012	2013	2014	2015
NSW	1,260	1,169	1,164	1,075
Vic.	1,594	1,261	1,022	875
Qld	701	656	619	572
WA	485	491	461	446
SA	231	337	297	226
Tas.	87	87	97	78
NT	83	86	86	82
ACT	76	72	71	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,517</b>	<b>4,158</b>	<b>3,820</b>	<b>3,428</b>

Source: NCVER, 2016, Financial information 2015 statement data tables.

Note: Total expenditure is slightly higher than the revenue from state and territory governments reported in the NCVER Financial Information publication 'highlights' as this figure excludes revenue classified as "State capital".