

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000942

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Skilling Australians Fund (Transition)

Question

Are the states and territories currently receiving any national partnership funds? What funding will the commonwealth provide to each of the states and territories pending the commencement of the Skilling Australians Fund?

Will the government provide any funding to support TAFEs in the states and territories pending the commencement of the Skilling Australians Fund?

What will the Skilling Australians Fund do to support TAFEs?

Answer

The 2016–17 payments under the current National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform were made in June 2017.

An estimated \$1.5 billion will be available in the Skilling Australians Fund over 2017–18 to 2020–21. Estimates of funding allocations to the states and territories are outlined in the table below.

\$million	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	ACT	NT
2017–18	112.2	88.7	70.1	37.9	24.5	7.4	5.7	3.5
2018–19	115.4	91.6	72.0	38.9	25.1	7.5	5.9	3.6
2019–20	125.0	99.7	77.9	42.1	27.0	8.1	6.4	3.8
2020–21	118.7	95.1	73.8	39.9	25.4	7.6	6.0	3.6

Negotiations with the States and Territories on the priorities for the Skilling Australians Fund are currently underway.

The Australian Government provides around \$1.5 billion each year through the National Skills and Workforce Development Specific Purpose Payment. These payments may be used to support TAFEs. Estimates of funding allocations to the states and territories are outlined in the table below.

\$million	NSW	Vic.	Qld	WA	SA	Tas.	ACT	NT
2016-17	472.8	372.7	296.3	159.6	104.0	31.6	24.2	14.9
2017–18	479.2	379.0	299.7	161.8	104.8	31.7	24.5	14.9
2018–19	486.1	386.2	303.5	163.9	105.6	31.8	24.8	15.0
2019–20	493.8	393.9	307.7	166.3	106.5	31.9	25.1	15.1
2020–21	501.1	401.4	311.6	168.5	107.3	32.0	25.4	15.2

TAFEs are owned by state and territory governments, which are responsible for setting the vision for TAFEs and the funding arrangements within their jurisdictions.