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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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TOPIC: COAG VET national partnership and national agreement on skills

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Rhiannon.

QUESTION No.: BI-224

The Government was requiring in the new national skills agreements that states provide Implementation Plans which support the continuing role of TAFE. How will the government ensure not only a continuing role but a sustainable and economically healthy TAFE in each state and territory?

ANSWER

Under the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform, states and territories are required to provide information about the strategies that they implement over the life of the agreement to enable public providers to operate effectively (clause 29b) as part of their Implementation Plan and Annual Report.

The effective operation of public providers is the responsibility of each state and territory.