

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.1 – Funding for vocational education and training

DEST Question No. E028_04

Senator Crossin tabled the following questions on 4 June 2003:

Question:

- (i) How much was allocated in the latest budget for TAFE and does this amount take account of this increase in TAFE demand?
- (ii) What percentage increases have been made in TAFE funding over the past three years?

Answer:

TAFE funding

- (i) The Commonwealth provided \$1.118 billion for delivery of VET services by TAFE and *non-TAFE* providers under the ANTA Agreement in 2003.

The States and Territories are responsible for allocating these funds between TAFE and *non-TAFE* providers, within their jurisdictions. Neither the States and Territories or the National Centre for Vocational Education Research produces a breakdown showing the division of Commonwealth funding between TAFEs and *non-TAFE* providers.

The amount provided by the Commonwealth in 2003 takes into consideration the increase in demand for VET; and in total delivers a further \$62 million over the \$1.056 billion funding provided in 2002. It includes \$100 million plus indexation for growth in VET places (which States and Territories are required to match).

- (ii) The percentage increases in Commonwealth funding for Vocational Education and Training under the ANTA Agreement over the last three years have been :

2000	\$0.931	billion		
2001	\$1.003	billion	7.7 %	increase over 2000.
2002	\$1.056	billion	5.3 %	increase over 2001.
2003	\$1.118	billion	6.0 %	increase over 2002.

As noted above, this funding is for TAFE and *non-TAFE* providers.

Under its proposal to the States and Territories for a new ANTA Agreement for the period 2004 to 2006 of May 2003, the Commonwealth has offered \$3.6 billion over three years, which represents a 12.5% rise in funding over the current 2001 to 2003 Agreement.