

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.1 – Funding for Vocational Education and Training

#### **DEST Question No. E067\_05**

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

- a) What is the DEST estimate of the number of potential students who could miss out on TAFE places this year?
- b) Does DEST agree with the TAFE Directors Australia claim that up to 50,000 potential students could miss out on TAFE places this year?

#### **Answer:**

*Unmet demand for TAFE places*

- a) DEST uses NCVET estimates for unmet demand for VET, which includes a TAFE measure. These figures are produced from an ABS survey, and give figures for the preceding year. For 2003, this was 45,900 for TAFE (the latest available data).
- b) NCVET will provide its estimate for 2004 in 2005, when ABS survey data is available.