

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. E072_05

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

Tom Karmel “Shaping Our Future” in the ‘Professional Educator’ (Vol 3 No1, March 2004) points out that the latest national ANTA strategy signed off in November 2003 has as Objective Four ‘Indigenous Australians will have skills for viable jobs and their learning culture will be shared’.

- 1) How will this be implemented?
- 2) Are special VET programs being planned for Indigenous participants?

Answer:

VET Programs - Indigenous Participants

1) At the MINCO meeting on 11 June 2004 Ministers for VET endorsed the National Strategy Action Plan for 2004 and 2005. The Action Plan is a companion document to *Shaping Our Future*, Australia’s National Strategy for VET 2004-2010, that was endorsed by Ministers in November 2003. The action plan identifies actions that the Australian, State and Territory governments and the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA) will take, in partnership with industry, providers and other stakeholders, to turn strategy into action.

2) Initiatives planned to improve outcomes for Indigenous people include the national research program being coordinated by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research and the Pathways to Employment Project national pilot.