

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.1 – Funding for vocational education and training.

#### DEST Question No. E158\_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### Question:

For the years 1996 – 2004 (inclusive) what is the total:

- (a) recurrent;
  - (b) capital
- expenditure on vocational education and training by
- (i) State/Territory Governments;
  - (ii) Commonwealth Government.

#### Answer:

*VET expenditure*

State/Territory governments (\$ millions):

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Recurrent	3,433.3	3,859.2	3,881.0	3,877.9	4,103.1	4,283.5	4,561.4	4,775.3	Not avail.
Capital	143.2	130.5	113.0	127.9	109.2	117.7	126.1	100.3	

Source: Australian vocational education and training statistics – financial information (NCVER annual series). This is the only source of information available to DEST on total VET expenditure by State and Territory governments. Recurrent figures are from *Table 3 Recurrent expenditures by activity*. Capital figures are from *Notes to Tables 6 and 7, Note 9 Revenue from Government, State Capital item*.

#### Notes

Total VET expenditures reported by the States include activities supported by Commonwealth funds, through ANTA and direct purchasing arrangements.

Commonwealth Government (\$ millions):

	1995 - 1996	1996 - 1997	1997 - 1998	1998 - 1999	1999 - 2000	2000 - 2001	2001 - 2002	2002 - 2003	2003 - 2004	2004 - 2005
Recurrent	1,074.5	1190.9	1,238.7	1,353.7	1,559.0	1,503.0	1,657.0	1,814.0	1,956.0	2,173.8
Capital	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na

Source: Figures are taken from Budget Paper number 1 for 2004-05 and preceding years. Figures include DEST departmental expenses for administration of its vocational education and training programmes and activities. Figures prior to 1999-2000 are cash figures. Figures from 1999-2000 are expense estimates.

#### Notes

DEST does not expend funds directly on VET capital. Funds under Output 2.1 appropriated under the *Vocational Education and Training Funding Act* were paid to ANTA. ANTA MINCO determined an allocation of these funds for recurrent and capital purposes, for distribution and expenditure by States and Territories. Historically, the annual allocation by ANTA MINCO for VET capital purposes was around \$200 million.