

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 2  
**Output Group:** ALL

#### DEST Question No. E387\_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### Question:

Reference: Portfolio Budget Statements – DEST – page 77

#### Background:

**Table 3.1.2: Total resources for Outcome 2 (\$'000)**

	Estimated Actual 2004-05	Budget Estimate 2005-06
<b>Average staffing level (number)</b>	606	720

The budget papers show an increase in staffing in DEST outcome 2 by 114.

Why is there an increase of 114 staff in DEST outcome no. 2?

What functions are these additional staff undertaking?

To which groups & branches are they attached?

#### Answer:

##### *Increase in DEST Staffing - Outcome 2*

The increase in staffing for Outcome 2 is the result of the transfer of the functions of the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA) to the Department, the full year effect of the transfer of the Income Support programmes for students from the Department of Family and Community Service to the Department as well as a range of budget measures that impact on Outcome 2.

Specific measures that result in additional staffing are:

- New Apprentices – Increased Residential Support;
- Institute for Trade Skill Excellence;
- New Apprenticeship Incentives – broadening eligibility;
- Pre-vocational training in trades;
- School Based New Apprentices in the Trades – increased opportunity;
- Student Financial Supplement Scheme – simplification of administrative arrangements; and
- Implementation of Higher Education Reforms.

Groups that will receive direct additional staffing allocations are:

- National Training Directions Group;
- Industry Skills Development Group;
- Higher Education group; and
- Strategic Analysis and Evaluation Group.

Individual Branch allocations will be made within Group resources to meet workload.