

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Nash asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 24.

Question

Budget Allocation for the VET Programs

Senator NASH: I am interested, out of the whole pool of funding, when it comes to the delivery of these VET programs, what percentage of the overall budget, so it does not need to be a specific figure but I am just trying to get a sense of, out of the overall departmental budget, how much sits in the VET area.

Ms Paul: yes, that is really helpful. It will help you if I offer that on a kind of proportional basis.

Senator NASH: Yes, that is fine.

Ms Paul: You are just interested in the cost of running – like the staff or are you also interested in what proportion of the \$43 billion worth of programs VET programs represent?

Senator NASH: Both. So the percentage of staff that sits in this area.

Ms Paul: Yes.

Senator NASH: Then, as well, the appropriation for the delivery of the programs.

Ms Paul: The programmatic. Yes, it sounded like that when you said you wanted the proportionalities; that is fine.

Answer

For 2011-12 the Department has a total Average Staffing Level (ASL) budget of 4,800 of which 505 ASL (10.5 per cent) administer VET programs at a cost of approximately \$64 million per annum.

Total Departmental funding for DEEWR for 2011-12 is \$866 million, 7.4 per cent of which is allocated to the delivery of VET programs.

In 2011-12 the Department will administer \$43 billion in program funds, of which approximately \$2 billion relates to VET programs. This represents 4.7 per cent of DEEWR's total administered budget for 2011-12.

In addition, the Department of the Treasury will provide total funding for VET of \$1.746 billion in 2011-12. This comprises funding of \$1.363 billion under the National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development, \$375.9 million for the National Partnership for Productivity Places Program and \$6.7 million under the National Partnership for training places for sole parents.