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Question

TAFE providers that will experience cuts in CGS funding under the Government's proposed reforms

"Can you tell the Committee which are the two TAFE providers that will experience cuts in CGS funding under the Government's proposed reforms – the 20 % cut to CSP funding, plus the cut in that funding to 70% of the standard university rate? How much would each of them lose under the proposed arrangements?"

Answer

Holmesglen Institute of TAFE (Holmesglen) and the Northern Metropolitan Institute of TAFE (NMIT) would receive reduced Commonwealth Grant Scheme (CGS) funding for existing places under the Government's proposed higher education reforms.

Based on the calculated Equivalent Full-Time Student Load (EFTSL) for these institutions, Holmesglen and NMIT would receive a reduction in CGS funding in the order of \$3.1 million and \$800,000, respectively, over the forward estimates, for existing places.

These figures reflect the estimated change in funding related to the Commonwealth supported places currently allocated to the TAFE institutions and do not include any additional funding as a result of the expansion of the demand driven funding system.

In reality, these reductions for existing places, the numbers of which are capped under the status quo, would be offset by funding for new places accessed because the Government's reform proposals would include these providers and places under the demand driven system.