

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio  
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**TOPIC:** Education Investment Fund

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**Senator RHIANNON:** Just to look at trends within that, too, I understand the EIF regional priorities round indicates a large number of private VET providers on the stage 2 shortlist for that round.

**Senator Chris Evans:** There were only one or two, I think.

**Mr Hart:** There are some private providers; there are also a significant number of TAFEs in that 27 as well. There were only a small number of RTOs; I do not have the exact figures here.

**Senator RHIANNON:** So my information is wrong; it is not a large number of private VET providers in stage 2?

**Mr Hart:** They are mainly TAFEs.

**Senator RHIANNON:** Could you give me the numbers, please? I am interested in that.

**Mr Hart:** I do not have the exact numbers, but I can provide that on notice for you.

**Senator RHIANNON:** Could you also take on notice how much funding is being provided in each round to public universities, the public VET providers and private providers?

**Mr Hart:** We can provide that. I can give you a breakdown of higher education versus the VET sector for the previous competitive rounds of EIF.

**Senator RHIANNON:** Yes, thank you.

**Mr Hart:** Round 2 was the first competitive round of the Education Investment Fund available to VET providers. The amount committed for higher education in round 2 was \$480.54 million; for vocational education and training it was \$131.95 million. Do you want the research number as well?

**Senator RHIANNON:** Yes, please. **Mr Hart:** It was \$321.7 million.

**Mr Griew:** I am just checking, but I do not have any recollection of private providers being in the EIF list so far, other than in this second round.

**Mr Hart:** We are providing information on notice.

**Mr Griew:** Okay, we will get you that breakdown too then.)

## ANSWER

A total of 152 eligible and compliant applications were received through the Expressions of Interest stage (Stage 1) the Regional Priorities Round of the Education Investment Fund (EIF), of which 122 were from VET providers.

Of the 41 applicants that were invited to submit a detailed Stage 2 application, 28 were VET providers (one of which subsequently withdrew, leaving 27 VET providers that submitted an application).

Of the 27 VET providers that submitted an application through Stage 2, the breakdown is as follows:

- 18 TAFE institutes and other government VET providers;

- 5 Private Providers;
- 2 Universities; and
- 2 Industry Associations.

In four previous competitive rounds of EIF, 18 VET providers were successful in receiving funding, as follows:

- 13 TAFE and other government VET providers;
- 2 private providers;
- 2 Universities; and
- 1 Industry Association.

In each competitive EIF round to date (excluding the EIF Regional Priorities Round which has not yet been completed), funding is provided in the table below for each sector.

### **BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING THROUGH COMPETITIVE ROUNDS OF EIF**

<b>Round</b>	<b>Sector</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>	<b>Funds Committed (\$ million)</b>
<b>Round 1</b>	HE	9	461.80
	VET <sup>1</sup>	-	-
	Research	2	118.66
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>580.46</b>
<b>Round 2</b>	HE	11	480.54
	VET	12	131.95 <sup>2</sup>
	Research	8	321.70
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>934.19</b>
<b>Round 3 and Sustainability Round</b>	HE	4	141.05
	VET	6	103.20 <sup>3</sup>
	Research	9	305.75
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>550.00</b>
<b>TOTAL from Competitive Rounds</b>	HE	24	1083.39
	VET	18	235.15 <sup>4</sup>
	Research	19	746.11
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2064.65</b>

<sup>1</sup> VET providers were not eligible in Round 1.

<sup>2</sup> Of the \$131.95 million committed for VET projects in Round 2, \$119.05 million was for public providers and \$12.89 million for private providers.

<sup>3</sup> Of the \$103.20 million committed for VET projects in Round 3 and the Sustainability Round, \$94.99 million was for public providers and \$8.20 million for private providers.

<sup>4</sup> Of the \$235.15 million committed for VET projects across all rounds where VET providers were eligible to apply, \$214.05 million was for public providers and \$21.09 million for private providers.