

**Economics Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**AGENCY/DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

**TOPIC:** VET student places

**REFERENCE:** Written Question – Senator Carr

**QUESTION No.:** SI-138

Is the Government's intention to expand the number of government funded VET student places, or will there be a decrease in funding from the levels of investment in vocational education that occurred between 2007 and the last federal budget?

**ANSWER**

Under the National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development, the Australian Government provides Specific Purpose Payments of \$1.4 billion per annum to states and territories as a contribution towards the operation of state training systems.

In addition, the Australian Government has committed \$1.75 billion to the states and territories over five years from 2012 under the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform. Overall training activity is to increase by around 375,000 qualification completions over the life of the National Partnership.

Commonwealth investment in Vocational Education and Training is subject to consideration by the Government.