

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.1 – Funding for Vocational Education and Training

DEST Question No. E807_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No E378_05

Question:

Please provide data of increased investment in TAFE resulting in additional TAFE places (excluding any increases associated with indexation of grants) for each year since 1996.

Answer:

Data on additional TAFE places

Commonwealth funding to the States and Territories for the delivery of training, including through TAFE colleges, is outlined in the table below. This shows the amounts appropriated annually under the Vocational Education and Training Funding Act (VETFA) since 1996.

| | VETFA, total appropriation amount (millions) |
|------|--|
| 1996 | \$880.7 |
| 1997 | \$909.3 |
| 1998 | \$904.1 |
| 1999 | \$918.4 |
| 2000 | \$931.4 |
| 2001 | \$1,002.7 |
| 2002 | \$1,055.5 |
| 2003 | \$1,118.5 |
| 2004 | \$1,131.0 |

The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) also provides details of total State and Territory revenues in the VET sector on their website.

With respect to training places, NCVER publishes training data by provider type. Table 7 from the Students and Courses 2003 Summary report is attached.

VET Students by Provider type

Table 7: Provider type profile, 1999–2003

| Provider type | 1999 (’000) | 2000 (’000) | 2001 (’000) | 2002 (’000) | 2003 (’000) | % | 2002–2003 % change |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Number of students | | | | | | | |
| TAFE and other government providers ^(a) | 1 227.5 | 1 315.6 | 1 289.6 | 1 315.9 | 1 298.9 | 75.6 | (a) |
| Community education providers | 235.8 | 227.8 | 229.5 | 208.8 | 244.3 | 14.2 | 17.0 |
| Other registered providers ^(a) | 151.3 | 164.5 | 1 600 | 1 582 | 1 676 | 9.8 | (a) |
| Students attending various providers ^(b) | – | – | – | – | 7.0 | 0.4 | – |
| Total students | 1 614.6 | 1 707.9 | 1 679.1 | 1 682.9 | 1 717.8 | 100.0 | 2.1 |
| Number of enrolments | | | | | | | |
| TAFE and other government providers ^(a) | 9 409.7 | 9 838.9 | 10 376.8 | 10 623.3 | 10 665.5 | 84.7 | (a) |
| Community education providers | 455.1 | 488.5 | 492.5 | 491.5 | 546.2 | 4.3 | 11.1 |
| Other registered providers ^(a) | 1 370.3 | 1 378.3 | 1 452.8 | 1 330.3 | 1 382.5 | 11.0 | (a) |
| Total module/unit of competency enrolments | 11 235.1 | 11 705.8 | 12 322.1 | 12 445.1 | 12 594.1 | 100.0 | 1.2 |
| Number of annual hours | | | | | | | |
| TAFE and other government providers ^(a) | 278.6 | 289.6 | 304.9 | 313.3 | 320.2 | 87.0 | (a) |
| Community education providers | 11.7 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 12.6 | 14.2 | 3.9 | 13.3 |
| Other registered providers ^(a) | 33.2 | 32.7 | 34.2 | 31.7 | 33.7 | 9.2 | (a) |
| Total annual hours | 323.5 | 334.9 | 351.7 | 357.5 | 368.1 | 100.0 | 3.0 |

Note: (a) In 2003 there was a break-in-series for TAFE and other government and private providers relating to additional provider-type information from Western Australia. Prior to this, Western Australian students were all classified as undertaking their activity at TAFE and other government providers.
(b) In 2003, Queensland introduced a unique student identifier for all students in the state covered by the collection. This creates a small overlap of students who attended more than one type of provider in the reporting period.

Source: Australian vocational education and training statistics – Students and courses 2003 Summary (NCVER)