

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.1 – Funding for Vocational Education and Training

#### DEST Question No. E911\_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

#### Question:

- a) Is the Commonwealth-State Skilling Australia's Workforce agreement required to be tabled in the Parliament?
- b) i) On what date was the agreement signed? ii) Has the agreement been tabled, if so when? If not, why not?
- c) Do the individual bilateral Commonwealth-State agreements made under the Skilling Australia's Workforce Act need to be tabled in the Parliament?

#### Answer:

*Commonwealth –State agreements made under the "Skilling Australia's Workforce Act"*

- a) The *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005* requires a copy of the 2005-08 Commonwealth-State Agreement for Skilling Australia's Workforce (the Agreement) to be laid before each House of Parliament, following its finalisation.
- b) i) Each State and Territory individually accepted the Australian Government's offer (and the Agreement) over the period 26 August 2005 to 5 October 2005.  
ii) The Agreement is underpinned by bilateral agreements with each jurisdiction and individual VET Plans which detail State specific commitments. The Australian Government has been working with each State and Territory following their acceptance of the Agreement to finalise the bilaterals and VET Plans. This process is now nearing completion. Once the agreement package is finalised through completion of the bilateral agreements and VET Plans, the Agreement will be tabled in the Parliament.
- c) Under the Act, individual bilateral agreements are not required to be tabled in the Parliament.