

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.1 – Funding for vocational education training

DEST Question No. E829_07

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

TAFE staff: IR requirements in Skilling Australia's Workforce Act

1. Can you provide details of all the IR requirements to be applied to to public TAFE employers and employees under the Skilling Australia's Workforce Act?
2. Question E630_07 asks how many TAFE staff are on AWAs, but no answer is provided.
 - a. Do you know how many TAFE staff are on AWAs?
 - b. If not, when will you know?
 - c. When you can, please provide details by institution and state/territory.

Answer:

TAFE staff: IR requirements in Skilling Australia's Workforce Act

1. Please see Section 12 of The *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005* is available at the Department's website:
http://www.dest.gov.au/portfolio_department/dest_information/publications_resources/re_sources/legislation.htm
2.
 - a. No. As already reported in E630_07, the Department does not collect information on the number of TAFE staff that are on Australian Workplace Agreements or individual agreements.
 - b. Jurisdictions are not required to report the number of TAFE staff on AWA's or individual agreements as this is not a requirement under the *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005*.
 - c. Information on the number of TAFE staff on AWAs or individual agreements is not required under the *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005*.