

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Question

**COMMONWEALTH FUNDING FOR TAFE BY STATE FOR THE LAST 3
FINANCIAL YEARS**

Senator CORMANN—....Could I get figures for the last three financial years broken down by state? Where does the other 15 per cent go? Is that principally to employers? Can you give me a highlevel indicative breakdown of where the other 15 per cent goes? Mr McAuslan—The other 15 per cent under the agreement goes to private providers, essentially, through the states and territories. That is provided under User Choice arrangements and other competitive tendering arrangements that are run through the states and territories.

Answer

Funding provided by the Commonwealth under the Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005 to the States/Territories for the last three financial years is included in the table below. It is not possible to identify the exact amount of this Commonwealth funding that is provided by states to TAFE but DEEWR estimates that it is approximately 85% of the total funding provided to states.

The funding covers both recurrent and capital funding under the *Skilling Australia's Workforce* (SAW) ACT 2005 up to 31 December 2008.

For the period from 1 January 2009 to 30 June 2009, the funding was provided to the states and territories under the National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Development, created as part of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations.

Commonwealth Funding to States and Territories			
State/Territory	2008-09 \$'000	2007-08 \$,000	2006-07 \$'000
New South Wales	424,461	419,178	406,410
Victoria	309,270	302,091	294,480
Queensland	235,889	220,019	209,742
South Australia	96,687	98,831	97,269
Western Australia	123,264	116,875	114,104
Tasmania	31,947	33,222	32,232
Northern Territory	16,137	17,273	15,887
Australian Capital Territory	23,193	23,784	22,696
Total	1,260,848	1,231,273	1,192,820