

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.1 – Funding for Vocational Education and Training

DEST Question No. E071_05

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

What has been the pattern of funding per student in VET over the past three years? Is it in fact true that VET numbers have grown so fast that funding per head of VET students has actually declined?

Answer:

Funding per student in VET

The ANTA National Report (ANR) 2002 provides data on the efficiency measure, *Public Expenditure per Publicly Funded Nominal Hour*. This is quoted on a constant price basis for each of the four years to 2002. The data show that price-adjusted Government recurrent expenditure increased by 5.5%, and student hours (*adjusted annual hours curriculum*) increased by 9.9%, comparing 2002 to 1999. The resultant *\$ per Final Adjusted Annual Hour Curriculum* statistic reduced by 4.1%, as follows.

Public Expenditure per Publicly Funded Nominal Hour

2002	\$13.13	- 4.1% variation on 1999			
2001	\$12.67	- 7.5%	“	“	“
2000	\$13.37	- 2.3%	“	“	“
1999	\$13.69				

source: ANTA Annual National Report 2002, Appendix 18