

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.1 – Funding for Vocational Education and Training

DEST Question No. E137_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

- a) On what date(s) did each State and Territory sign:
 - i. Commonwealth-State agreement for *Skilling Australia's Workforce*?
 - ii. Bilateral agreements required under section 7(2) of the *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005*?
- b) For each State and Territory, on what date(s) did the Commonwealth Minister approve the annual VET plan as required by section 7(3) of the *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005*?
- c) On what date(s) did the Commonwealth Minister approve payments of financial assistance to the States and Territories under the *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005* in respect of the 2006 year?
- d) On what date(s) were these payments made?

Answer:

Skilling Australia's Workforce

- a) The dates each State and Territory signed:
 - i. the Commonwealth-State agreement for Skilling Australia's Workforce are:

Jurisdiction	Date
New South Wales	5 October 2005
Victoria	12 September 2005
Queensland	26 August 2005
South Australia	3 October 2005
Western Australia	26 August 2005
Tasmania	15 September 2005
Northern Territory	31 August 2005
Australian Capital Territory	21 September 2005

- ii. the Bilateral agreements required under section 7(2) of the *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005* are:

Jurisdiction	Date
New South Wales	24 April 2006
Victoria	22 March 2006
Queensland	2 March 2006
South Australia	2 March 2006
Western Australia	13 February 2006
Tasmania	13 February 2006
Northern Territory	13 February 2006
Australian Capital Territory	13 February 2006

- b) The Commonwealth Minister approved the annual VET Plan for each State and Territory as required by section 7(3) of the *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005* on 28 April 2006.
- c) The Commonwealth Minister approved payments of financial assistance to each State and Territory under the *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005* in respect of the 2006 year on 28 April 2004.
- d) The payments for Recurrent funding and VET in Schools financial assistance were made to each State and Territory on:
- 28 April 2006 for the first quarterly payment; and
 - 15 May 2006 for the second quarterly payment.