

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

**Outcome 3 - Higher Education**

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**Senator Cormann asked on 2/06/2010, Hansard page 103.**

**Question**

**PRODUCTIVITY PLACES PROGRAM**

Senator CORMANN—In terms of unit cost for equivalent services, they are getting different— Ms White—I am not sure. I would have to take that on notice. Those things were worked out before I came to this position, but it is a different—Senator CORMANN—I would be interested to see whether there is a comparison—obviously, comparing apples with apples and oranges with oranges. Ms Taylor—We will take that on notice, because it depends on population, the number of places and so on.

**Answer**

The allocation of Australian Government funding to States under the National Partnership Agreement on the Productivity Places Program (NP PPP) is based on state and territory (state) proportions of the working age population (15 to 64 year olds) in Australia at 30 June 2007 (ABS cat no 3201.0 – June 2007).

The Victorian Government negotiated a separate agreement and was not a signatory to the NP PPP. Victoria entered into a Commonwealth Own-Purpose Agreement (COPE) for its additional training delivery under the Productivity Places Program. The allocated funding under the COPE is equivalent to what would have been allocated had Victoria entered the NP PPP.

The table below sets out the working age proportions used and the allocated funding under the NP PPP and COPE.

<b>State (NP PPP)</b>	<b>Working Age Proportion (%)</b>	<b>Funding (\$'000)</b>
NSW	32.5	419 760
QLD	19.9	259 350
WA	10.1	131 988
SA	7.4	98 203
TAS <sup>(a)</sup>	2.3	27 098
ACT	1.7	22 152
NT <sup>(a)</sup>	1.1	14 086
<b>Total (NP PPP)</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>972 638</b>
<b>State (COPE)</b>		
VIC	24.8	319 817
<b>Total (NP PPP + COPE)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1 292 455</b>

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

- (a) Under the NP PPP the Australian Government committed to pay \$110 per commencement to training providers in those states that choose to use the Australian Governments Performance Information Management System (PIMS). A payment of \$1.3 million will be made to Tasmanian Government and \$0.635 to the Northern Territory Government. These amounts are not included in the table.