

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.1 – Funding for Vocational Education and Training

DEST Question No. E366_04

Senator Marshall asked on 5 November 2003.

Question:

- a) Over the past five years, what has been the enrolment growth in Vocational Education and Training places?
- b) Can the Department provide details of exact funding that has been allocated by the Commonwealth in the 2003-2006 funding agreement to help resource this growth?

Answer:

VET enrolment growth and funding

- a) Over the past five years the number of people enrolled in vocational education and training is as follows:

Year	Enrolments	Growth	% Growth
1998	1,514,167	60,987	4.20%
1999	1,619,740	105,573	6.97%
2000	1,713,358	93,618	5.78%
2001	1,684,498	-28,860	-1.68%
2002	1,690,139	5,641	0.33%

Note : The latest year for which vocational education and training enrolment data is available from the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) is 2002.

- b) The period of the next Australian National Training Authority Agreement is 2004 to 2006. The Australian Government has offered the States and Territories the following amounts for this three year period.

Year	Growth Funding (M.)	Total Funding (M.)
2004	\$106.325	\$1,161.810
2005	\$108.525	\$1,193.060
2006	\$110.699	\$1,219.210
Total	\$325.549	\$3,574.080

Note: these funding amounts include estimated price increases.

This offer constitutes an increase of 12.5% on current Agreement levels. The Agreement contains an extra \$218.7 million – an average real increase of 2.5% per annum for training places.