

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.1 – Funding for vocational education and training

DEST Question No. E379_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

With respect to Question E070_05, in the 2004-2005 Budget Estimates Hearing please provide the following details:

- (i) a breakdown of the total amount appropriated by the Commonwealth annually to ANTA?
- (ii) the data series from 1997 and 2002 used to calculate the 16.1% increase in total Commonwealth funding?
- (iii) the Commonwealth increase in funding between 1997 and 2002 for recurrent funding/revenue only? What is the percentage increase over this period?
- (iv) the State and Territory increase in funding between 1997 and 2002 for recurrent funding/revenue only? What is the percentage increase over this period?
- (v) the State and Territory increase on a state by state basis, in funding between 1997 and 2002 for recurrent funding/revenue only? What is the percentage increase over this period?

Answer:

Funding for vocational education and training 1997-2002

Question E070-05 refers to a Campus Review article (4-11 May 2004, page 5, by Geoff Maslen) in which spending on TAFE and VET is discussed. The answer provided to question E070-05 relates to Australian Government funding through ANTA for vocational education and training delivery by the States and Territories. Funds are also appropriated by the Australian Parliament to ANTA for the purposes of its operating costs, and the Authority accesses funds appropriated to the Department of Education, Science and Training, under Section 11 of the ANTA Act 1992, for national programmes.

The funding figures provided in all answers below are in historical prices, ie not adjusted to current prices.

- (i) The breakdown of the amounts appropriated annually by the Australian Government under the Vocational Education and Training Funding Act for the purposes of the ANTA Agreement was, in millions:

1997:	\$909.3
1998:	\$904.1
1999:	\$918.4
2000:	\$931.4
2001:	\$1,002.7
2002:	\$1,055.5
- (ii) The increase in funding between 1997 and 2002 in the figures above is \$146.2 million. This is an increase of 16.1% over the funding level for 1997.

- (iii) The allocation of the Commonwealth's ANTA Agreement funds to recurrent and capital is recommended by the ANTA Board and approved by the ANTA Ministerial Council. The amount approved for capital purposes (mainly TAFE infrastructure) was \$185 million each year over the period 1997 to 2002. The increase in funding allocated by ANTA to recurrent purposes over this period, calculated on the figures provided at (i) is \$146.2 million. This is an increase of 20.2% over the level for 1997.
- (iv) Total State and Territory recurrent revenues on vocational education and training increased by 16.0% between 1997 and 2002, based on the 'Australian Vocational Education and Training Statistics – Financial Information' series published by the National Centre for Vocational Education and Training Research. This is the only information available to the Department on State and Territory VET expenditures.
- (v) State/Territory-sourced recurrent revenues for vocational education and training (\$ millions):

	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT	ACT
2002	843.9	570.3	453.8	282.7	166.1	52.5	51.9	45.3
1997	879.1	400.2	365	198.7	136.9	53.1	44.3	49.1
var'n (\$)	-35.2	170.1	88.8	84	29.2	-0.6	7.6	-3.8
var'n (%)	-4.0	42.5	24.3	42.3	21.3	-1.1	17.2	-7.7

Data sourced from Australian Vocational Education and Training Statistics - Financial Information, annual publications (NCVER)