

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.1 – Funding for vocational education and training

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Senator Nettle provided in writing.

Question:

How many Australian Workplace Agreements does the Federal Government anticipate will be taken up at TAFE colleges in the next 12 months?

Answer:

Australian Workplace Agreements

It is difficult to predict how many Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs) will be taken up at TAFE colleges in the next 12 months.

The *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005* requires that TAFE staff be offered AWAs. Individual staff will be free to choose whether they work under individual or collective agreements. The priority for the Australian Government is that TAFE staff be given a choice of working arrangements.

States and Territories will be required to identify in their annual "Vocational Education and Training Plan", the number and classes of staff in their TAFE workforce that have been offered AWAs.