

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:

For each year from 2005 through to 2010, or for the years for which forward estimates are available, what will be the total Commonwealth funding to the States and Territories in respect of TAFE colleges?

Answer:

Commonwealth funding to the States and Territories for TAFE colleges

The Australian Government will contribute \$4.97 billion over the 2005 to 2008 quadrennium to support the States' and Territories' training systems, including TAFE institutions. This funding commitment is set out in the 2005-08 Commonwealth-State Agreement for Skilling Australia's Workforce and appropriated under the *Skilling Australia's Workforce Act 2005*.

As the Australian Government does not directly fund TAFE institutions, it is not possible to estimate the level of Commonwealth funding that will be allocated to TAFEs. The States and Territories are responsible for managing their vocational and technical education systems, including funding allocations to TAFE institutions.