

## 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

#### **DEST Question No. E457\_06 – Final**

Senator Nettle provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

What are the Minister's estimates for student contributions to course costs at TAFE colleges for each of the years 2006 – 2010?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Student contributions to course costs at TAFE colleges*

It is not possible to estimate student contributions to course costs at TAFE colleges with any reasonable accuracy as it is demand-driven and subject to fee adjustments by the States and Territories.

The National Centre for Vocational Education Research collects historical data on States' and Territories' operating revenues generated from student fees and charges. Based on NCVER data, student fees and charges in 2004 amounted to \$233.7 million. This represents a 0.6% increase from 4.3% of the total revenues in 2000 to 4.9% in 2004.