

## 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. E793\_06 – Final**

Senator Wong provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

Did the Department conduct an evaluation of the VET Priority Places Programme? If so, who conducted the evaluation? What were the outcomes? Please provide a copy of the report.

#### **Answer:**

*VET Priority Places Programme*

#### Outcomes

The VET Priority Places Programme was funded from the money forfeited by the States and Territories when they rejected the Australian Government's offer for a new ANTA Agreement for 2004-06.

The funding was used by the Australian Government to directly purchase an additional 7,500 training places for priority clients – people with a disability, parents entering or re-entering the workforce and older workers.

Training places, of up to 12 months duration, which result in at least a nationally recognised qualification at Certificate level II or higher under the Australian Qualifications Framework, are provided under the programme.

Contracts were executed at the end of May 2004 and commencements were eligible to be claimed up until 30 June 2005. Completions for this programme can be claimed up until 30 June 2006.

#### Evaluation

All participants are expected to complete their training by the end of June 2006. No evaluation of the programme has been undertaken. The Department will give consideration to undertaking a review by June 2006.