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Legislative Council Inquiry into VET in NSW – Supplementary questions (16 and 23) for David Collins,
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Question 16:

Please provide a list of all instances where caps have been increased since the initial allocation in January 2015 or where funding has been granted to providers who did not receive an initial contract.

- a) For each such instance, please provide:
 - i. The value of public subsidies in the increase to the cap or the new cap
 - ii. The size of the cap for this provider in the initial allocation
 - iii. The reason why the additional caps were allocated at the time of the increase but not at the initial allocation.
- b) What was the total dollar value of additional entitlements in the new or increased caps?

Answer to question 16:

- a) Departmental analysis of this question identified that there are over 13,750 caps and 4,715 instances where a cap has been adjusted since the initial allocation in January 2015. Whilst we acknowledge the extension to formulate our reply, the complexity of analysing and reporting these changes for each instance would take a considerable amount of departmental resources to answer the question adequately. At this point in time the department does not have adequate resources to allocate to this task.
 - b) As above.
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Question 23:

Please provide a breakdown of the value of entitlement caps issued under Smart and Skilled according to:

- a) The amount that was restricted to TAFE
- b) The amount that was available to be allocated between TAFE and TAFE and non-government providers , and
 - i. The amount of these that was allocated to TAFE.

Answer to question 23:

- a) The amount that was restricted to TAFE was \$168,871,063.
- b) The amount that was available to be allocated between TAFE and TAFE and non-government providers was \$163,850,904.
 - i. The amount of these that was allocated to TAFE was. \$64,798,441.