



## **Inquiry into Vocational Education and Training in New South Wales**

### **AISNSW Answers to Questions on Notice**

#### ***Question***

**Mr BUCHANAN:** TVET, I think, was \$938,000.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Of the order of a million dollars. Is that delivered as a per student amount or is it block amount?

**Mr BUCHANAN:** Block amount.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** So regardless of the number of students you have in TVET or in VETiS.

**Mr BUCHANAN:** The formula is based on a guide in terms of the proportionate numbers.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** Could you provide us with that guide?

**Mr BUCHANAN:** Yes. The three sectors are funded in that way.

#### ***AISNSW Response***

The amount of TVET funding received by AISNSW for TVET in 2015 is \$938,830 (excluding GST).

The funding is provided by the NSW Skills Board and the AISNSW is advised of the amount by the NSW Department of Education. In 2015, communication regarding the funding was received from the Deputy Secretary, School Operations and Performance in a letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

No details were provided in this communication regarding the formula and I am unable to provide further details of how the amount is determined.



### **Question**

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** My question is: When were you given the price list for 2016?

**Mr BUCHANAN:** One of our officers used a document from Sydney TAFE which has TVET estimated 2015 course costs.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** I am looking at the 2016 data at the bottom of the page. Have you been given the 2016 figures?

**Mr BUCHANAN:** I will need to take that question on notice. The data was compiled by an officer in my team. I will have to check where she located that.

### **AISNSW Response**

AISNSW received formal notification of the TVET price list for 2016 on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. AISNSW did not have the 2016 TVET prices at the time of our submission. As referred to in parenthesis within the AISNSW submission, the data provided at the bottom of page 11 of the submission was based on 2015 Smart and Skilled prices.

AISNSW had been advised of the new pricing model for 2016 TVET in a letter from the Managing Director TAFE NSW on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2015. This letter identified that the Smart and Skilled price would form the base qualification price for 2016 TVET courses, from which further loadings would be added. Therefore from this we were able to identify the minimum cost of a 2016 TVET course (based on 2015 Smart and Skilled prices). Exact prices were not quoted in the submission as they were unknown at the time of our submission.