

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TRAINING AUTHORITY

SECTION 5

AGENCY OVERVIEW AND APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY

AGENCY OVERVIEW

The role of the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA) is to facilitate an integrated high quality national vocational education and training system. In doing this, ANTA provides Commonwealth, State and Territory ministers with advice on policies and mechanisms to achieve this national focus. It also facilitates the implementation of agreed policy by the State and Territory Vocational Education and Training Authorities, and via its industry-led Board encourages an industry-led approach to the development of vocational education and training.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) is post compulsory education and training that provides people with the skills and learning required by enterprises and industries for life long learning. The VET sector comprises the State and Territory public TAFE systems; adult and community education institutions that deliver vocational education and training; and other registered training organisations (including schools, community organisations, enterprises and industry bodies) that deliver vocational education and training leading to nationally recognised qualifications.

The ANTA Ministerial Council, comprising the Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers with responsibility for Vocational Education and Training, sets annual goals, objectives and priorities for the national system. These national priorities are known as the Annual National Priorities. For 2001, the annual national priorities for the VET system are:

- A quality national training system that provides value for money;
- Industry commitment to skill development;
- Individuals as learners;
- VET professionalism; and
- Support for regional development.

APPROPRIATIONS

In total, the Authority will receive \$1,079.718 million in Commonwealth funding in 2001-02. These funds will be directed towards particular purposes, as described below.

The Commonwealth provides funding for national programs to the Authority which operate under section 11 of the *Australian National Training Authority Act 1992*. These funds are applied to the ongoing administration of Commonwealth national programs in the sector, and to support industry's implementation and take up of vocational education and training. These funds are appropriated to the Department,

and transferred to ANTA. For 2001-02, national program funding of \$43.3 million will be administered.

The *Vocational Education and Training Funding Act 1992* is a special appropriation. The funds are allocated to the States and Territories, and for national projects, in order to promote a national vocational education and training system. These funds are appropriated to the Department and transferred to ANTA. For the 2002 calendar year, the Authority will administer \$1,050.143 million under this Act.

The Authority receives a direct appropriation from the Commonwealth budget for the operating activities of the Authority. For 2001-02, the Authority has been allocated \$10.932 million. Table 1.1, on the following page, shows the total appropriations for the Australian National Training Authority for 2001-2002 by outcome.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TRAINING AUTHORITY - APPROPRIATIONS 2001-02

Table 6.1 Appropriations (\$'000)

OUTCOMES	Departmental (Price of Outputs)					Administered				TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS
	Revenue from Government (Appropriations)			Revenue from other Sources	Price of Outputs	Annual Appropriations		Special Approps	Total Administered Appropriations	
	Bill No 1	Special Approps	Total			Bill No 1	Bill No 2 (SPPs & NAOs)			
(A)	(B)	(C=A+B)	(D)	(E=C+D)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I=F+G+H)	(J=C+I)	
Outcome 1: To ensure that the skills of the Australian labour force are sufficient to support internationally competitive commerce and industry and to provide individuals with opportunities to optimise their potential.	10,932		10,932	25	10,957					10,957
TOTALS	10,932		10,932	25	10,957					10,957
Amounts in shading are included in annual appropriation bills					Departmental Capital (Equity Injections and Loans)					
					Administered Capital					
					TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS				10,957	

SECTION 6

OUTCOME AND OUTPUT INFORMATION

OUTCOMES AND OUTPUT GROUPS

Table 6.2 - Relationship of Output Groups to Outcomes

Outcomes		Output Groups	
Outcome 1	<p>To ensure that the skills of the Australian labour force are sufficient to support internationally competitive commerce and industry and to provide individuals with opportunities to optimise their potential. This outcome is supported by five objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equipping Australians for the world of work • enhancing mobility in the labour market • achieving equitable outcomes in vocational education and training • increasing investment in training • maximising the value of public vocational education and training expenditure 	Output 1	<p>To achieve the objectives under Outcome 1, performance is reported against the Annual National Priorities. For 2001 the priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A quality national training system that provides value for money • Industry commitment to skill development • Individuals as Learners • VET Professionalism • Support for regional development <p>The ANTA Work Plan 2001 is built against the Annual National Priorities and contains outputs within four key themes.</p>

Table 6.2 shows the Authority outcome and related output.

OUTCOME 1

To ensure that the skills of the Australian labour force are sufficient to support internationally competitive commerce and industry and to provide individuals with opportunities to optimise their potential.

DESCRIPTION

Vocational education and training is a key ingredient in developing and sustaining Australia's economic competitiveness and ensuring access to life long learning opportunities for all Australians. The Commonwealth, through ANTA, is committed to facilitating this in partnership with the major stakeholders within the vocational education and training sector, including State and Territory governments, industry, providers and individuals.

Key objectives under this outcome are equipping Australians for the world of work; enhancing mobility in the labour market; achieving equitable outcomes in vocational education and training; increasing investment in training and maximising the value of public vocational education and training expenditure.

In 2001-02, the Commonwealth will invest \$1,079.719 million in the vocational education and training system through ANTA. There are no budget or non-budget measures proposed for the Authority in the 2001-02 budget.

RESOURCES FOR OUTCOME 1

Table 6.3 – Total Resources for Outcome 1 (\$'000)

Outcome 1 -. To ensure that the skills of the Australian labour force are sufficient to support internationally competitive commerce and industry and to provide individuals with opportunities to optimise their potential.

	Estimated Actual 2000-01 \$'000's	Budget Estimate 2001-02 \$'000's
<u>Departmental Appropriations</u>		
Revenue from Government (Appropriation) for Departmental Outputs	10,793	10,932
Revenue from other Sources	55	25
Total Price of Departmental Outputs	10,848	10,957
TOTAL RESOURCING (Total Price of Outputs and Admin Expenses)	10,848	10,957

	2000-01	2001-02
AVERAGE STAFFING LEVELS (NUMBER)	106	103

CONTRIBUTION OF OUTPUTS TO OUTCOME 1

The Australian National Training Authority's outputs related to the vocational education and training sector reflect the Government's decision to pursue vocational education and training in partnership with industry and other levels of Government.

The Annual National Priorities and national key result areas agreed by Commonwealth, State and Territory ministers, act as the general framework for ANTA's work throughout the year. Within the framework, the Authority prepares the ANTA Annual Plan, which sets out in detail the work to be undertaken by the Authority during the period. This Plan, and the report against the Plan, are published in the Authority's Annual Performance Report in September each year.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION FOR OUTCOME 1

Table 6.4: Performance Information and Planned Level of Achievement, 2001-02

Effectiveness – Overall Achievement of the Outcome - (Measures, indicators and targets used as appropriate)	
The extent to which the vocational education and training system progresses the objectives of the National Strategy as agreed by the ANTA Ministerial Council.	Measured and reported in Volume 3 of the Annual National Report
Performance Information for Departmental Outputs	
Output 1	
Development and execution of the ANTA Plan. The ANTA Plan is developed each calendar year from the agreed annual national priorities for the VET system as approved by the Ministerial Council.	Quantity: Outcomes and outputs from the ANTA Plan. Quality: Meeting the planned outcomes and outputs (as reported in the Annual Performance Report) Price: \$10,957,000