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EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING PORTFOLIO

PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

The Australian Government takes a national leadership role in education, science and training. Through its portfolio agencies, the Australian Government works with various industries, State and Territory governments, other Australian Government agencies and a range of contracted service providers to provide high quality policy, advice and services for the benefit of Australia.

The Education, Science and Training Portfolio is comprised of:

- the Department of Education, Science and Training (the Department);
- the Anglo Australian Telescope Board (AATB);
- the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS);
- the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS);
- the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Ltd (Teaching Australia)
- the Australian National University (ANU);
- the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO);
- the Australian Research Council (ARC);
- the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Ltd (Carrick Institute); and
- the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

To advance education and training systems, the Australian Government works with the States and Territories through the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA), the Ministerial Council for Vocational and Technical Education and with education and training providers, industry and other agencies.

Portfolio Overview

The education and training sectors comprise:

- schools – including preschools, primary schools, secondary and senior secondary schools;
- vocational and technical education – which involves publicly owned TAFE institutions and other registered training organisations; and
- higher education, including research – public and private universities and other higher education institutions.

The States and Territories have primary responsibility for school education. The Australian Government, through MCEETYA, provides leadership in identifying national standards and priorities to achieve the agreed *National Goals for Schooling in the 21st Century*. The Australian Government also provides State, Territory and non-government school authorities with substantial additional funding to improve student outcomes.

States and Territories also have a primary responsibility in the vocational and technical education sector. The Australian Government works with the States and Territories, through the Ministerial Council for Vocational and Technical Education, and with industry to ensure that the sector promotes:

- high quality outcomes for students;
- national consistency and coherence; and
- a system that is responsive to industry needs.

Australian Government funding for vocational and technical education is provided to States and Territories and through programmes administered by the Australian Government.

The Australian Government has the primary responsibility for funding and policy making in the higher education sector. Apart from the Australian National University and the Australian Maritime College (legislation for the Australian Maritime College is administered by the Department of Transport and Regional Services), the States and Territories are responsible for legislation to establish universities and for the accreditation of higher education courses by private providers.

The Australian Government has provided clear guidance on its priorities for science, research and innovation through its Innovation Action Plan – Backing Australia's Ability, and through its further investment in Backing Australia's Ability – *Building our Future through Science and Innovation*. The Australian Government supports the science and innovation framework through such bodies as the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council (PMSEIC), the Chief Scientist and through targeted funding and international promotion of Australia's scientific and technological

capabilities. The Australian Government also directly supports the work of CSIRO, ANSTO and AIMS.

APPROPRIATIONS AND VARIATIONS AT THE PORTFOLIO LEVEL

Since the 2005-06 Budget the Education, Science and Technology portfolio has not been subject to any administrative arrangement orders. However, two new Commonwealth agencies have been established.

The Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching (Carrick Institute) in Higher Education was established as a Commonwealth Company on 30 June 2004. The agency was established to provide national focus for the enhancement of learning and teaching in Australian higher education providers.

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership Limited (Teaching Australia) was incorporated on 30 November 2005. Teaching Australia was established by the Australian Government to support and enhance the teaching profession.

Figure 1: Portfolio structure and outcomes



Figure 2: Departmental appropriations for agencies in the portfolio

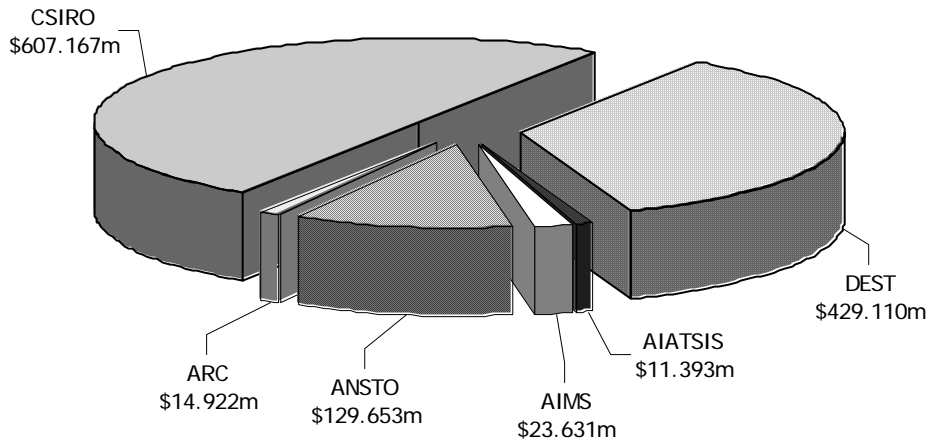
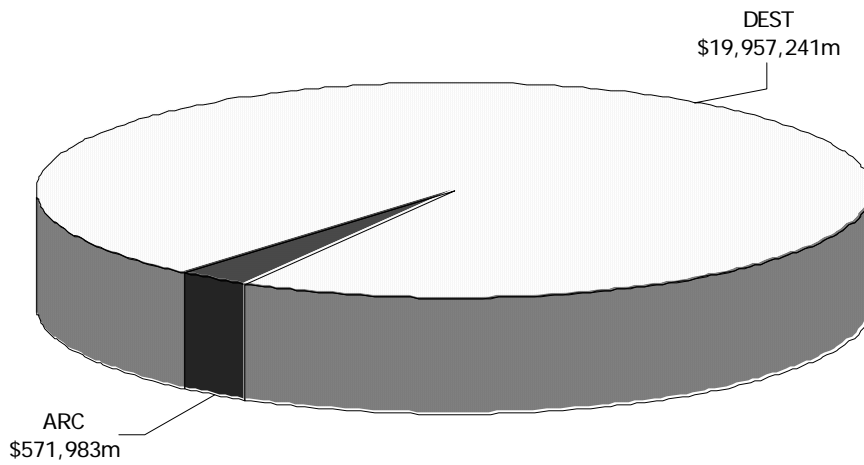


Figure 3: Administered appropriations for agencies in the portfolio



AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INDIGENOUS EXPENDITURE – EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING PORTFOLIO

Table 1: Australian Government Indigenous Expenditure –portfolio level

Outcome	Appropriations				Other \$'000	Total \$'000
	Bill No. 1 \$'000	Bill No. 2 \$'000	Special Approp \$'000	Total Approp \$'000		
	AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES					
Departmental 2006-07	11,393	0	0	11,393	2,635	14,028
<i>Departmental 2005-06</i>	<i>10,699</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10,699</i>	<i>2,528</i>	<i>13,227</i>
Total 2006-07	11,393	0	0	11,393	2,635	14,028
Total 2005-06	10,699	0	0	10,699	2,528	13,227
AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL						
Administered 2006-07	0	0	400	400	0	400
<i>Administered 2005-06</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>402</i>	<i>402</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>402</i>
Total 2006-07	0	0	400	400	0	400
Total 2005-06	0	0	402	402	0	402
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING						
Administered 2006-07	3,328	0	533,884	537,212	0	537,212
<i>Administered 2005-06</i>	<i>10,274</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>540,715</i>	<i>550,989</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>550,989</i>
Departmental 2006-07	33,457	0	0	33,457	0	33,457
<i>Departmental 2005-06</i>	<i>32,765</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>32,765</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>32,765</i>
Total - 2006-07	36,785	0	533,884	570,669	0	570,669
Total - 2005-06	43,039	0	540,715	583,754	0	583,754
Total Education, Science & Training Portfolio AGIE 2006-07	48,178	0	534,284	582,462	2,635	585,097
Total Education, Science & Training Portfolio AGIE 2005-06	53,738	0	541,117	594,855	2,528	597,383

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