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VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL 1994

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Employment, Education and Training,
the Honourable Simon Crean MP)

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OUTLINE

The amendment to the Vocational Education and Training Amendment Bill 1994 extends the provision of funding to ANTA for off-the-job training provider assistance under the Australian Traineeship System (ATS) and Career Start Traineeships (CST) to include traineeships under National Training Wage arrangements which are at a standard equivalent to standards under the current ATS and CST schemes and where such traineeships require off-the-job training.

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

The Vocational Education and Training Amendment Bill 1994 provides, among other things, additional funds for off-the-job training provider assistance under the Australian Traineeship System (ATS) and Career Start Traineeships (CST) in accordance with decisions announced in the Government's White Paper *Working Nation*.

Working Nation also proposed the introduction of a National Training Wage. The draft National Training Wage Award provides for future traineeships to be under that Award rather than under existing ATS/CST arrangements. Accordingly, this amendment extends eligibility for off-the-job training provider assistance funding to include traineeships under the National Training Wage Award arrangements that are at a standard equivalent to standards under the current ATS and CST schemes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

This amendment does not entail funding additional to that being provided under the Vocational Education and Training Amendment Bill 1994.

NOTES ON CLAUSES

Clause 1

This replaces the proposed reference to training in a State under the Australian Traineeship System or under Career Start Traineeships in the proposed paragraph 9A(1)(a) of the Amendment Bill with the broader reference to eligible off-the-job training in a State.

Clause 2

This clause defines eligible off-the-job training for the purposes of the proposed subsection 9A(1) to include off-the-job training under National Training Wage Traineeships, as well as under the Australian Traineeship System and Career Start Traineeships, that the Minister considers should be taken into account for the purposes of determining that there has been an increase in the number of people receiving off-the-job training in a State.



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