

“Based on the most recent funding data published in the Productivity Commission’s *Report on Government Services*, in 2019 an additional \$378.3 million in recurrent VET funding would have been required to ensure Victorian funding matched the national average, notwithstanding any impact to the average funding rate if there had been increased funding in Victoria in that year. The Department of Education and Training would be able to provide the committee with specific funding amounts as they relate specifically to TAFE institutes and dual sector universities.

More broadly, our TAFE institutes and dual sector universities must receive increased investment to the level that enables the actual cost of course provision to be fully covered, as has been highlighted in the report *Future Skills for Victoria – Driving collaboration and innovation in post-secondary education and training.*”