

Question on Notice
No. 602
Asked Thursday, 20 May 2004

Mr Springborg asked the Minister for Employment, Training and Industrial Relations (**Mr Barton**):

QUESTION:

With reference to TAFE fees –

Broken down according to each course, and each TAFE, what is the increase in student fees for each course for each year since 2001 and for the year to date?

ANSWER:

The number of unit or subject offerings offered across TAFE Queensland from 2001 to the present is over 715,000 and are designed to accommodate the varying needs of both industry and students.

Each unit or subject offering varies in price according to:

- Whether the modules or competencies contained in the offerings undertaken are Government funded or commercially priced
- How and where the offering is to be delivered, including by distance, on line or in the workplace
- How much recognition and assessment of the students' current skills is undertaken
- The cost of materials required for the unit or subject offering chosen

In the case of Government funded offerings the student 'tuition' and 'student service' fees are regulated by the *Vocational Education, Training and Employment Regulation 2000*. These regulated fees cover approximately 10% of the cost of the offering, or 5% if the student is eligible for any fee concessions as prescribed under the *Regulation*. Since 2001, the regulated fees have been varied each year by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Based on the CPI of the previous financial year, the fee increases that took effect on 1 January:

- 2001 was 2.7%
- 2002 was 3.2%
- 2003 was 3.1%
- 2004 was 2.7%