



Review of the skills base in NSW and the future challenges for further education and training

The Minister for Education and Training has requested IPART undertake a review of the skills base in NSW and the future challenges for further education and training in NSW.

The terms of reference for the review are as follows:

1. The future demand for skills in NSW over the next 20 years.
2. The probable future sources of supply of skilled labour for NSW, including the possible supply from retrained 'mature' labour.
3. The consequent demands for the further education and training system in NSW and the implications for TAFE in particular.
4. The economic and social implications of meeting this increased demand for further education and training in NSW.
5. The capacity of the further education and training system to accommodate these demands for skilled labour.
6. Changes that should be made to the State-regulated system to assist in meeting future demands, including the State's regulatory framework and governance structures. Commonwealth-State agreements that have implications for any recommendations should also be considered.

A draft report will be released in July 2006, with a final report by the end of 2006. IPART will release an issues paper by 23 December 2005.