

THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

THE SENATE

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUNDING AMENDMENT BILL  
1996**

**SUPPLEMENTARY EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

(Amendments to be moved on behalf of the Government)

(Circulated by authority of the Minister for Schools, Vocational Education and Training, the  
Hon Dr David Kemp MP)



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**OUTLINE**

The proposed amendment to the Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 1996 would amend the *Australian National Training Authority Act 1992* (the Act) to:

increase the membership of the ANTA Board by two positions; and  
make consequential changes to the Board's administrative provisions in relation to operation of the Board when there are vacancies, the number of members required to form a quorum at meetings, the number of members' votes required to form a majority and the number of members required to agree resolutions without meeting.

The Act provides for a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and three other members to be appointed by the Governor General for up to three years. Appointment of members is on the nomination of the Ministerial Council.

The amendments would increase the Board to seven members.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The running costs of the Authority are funded by the Commonwealth. The Authority will absorb any costs associated with increasing the Board within current allocations.

## NOTES ON AMENDMENTS

### Amendments 1 and 3

Amendments 1 and 3 effect technical amendments to the Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 1996 to reflect that the Bill will not only amend the *Vocational Education and Training Funding Act 1992* but will also amend the *Australian National Training Authority Act 1992*.

### Amendment 2

Amendment 2 amends the Vocational Education and Training Funding Amendment Bill 1996 to insert a Schedule 2 which makes amendments to the *Australian National Training Authority Act 1992*.

**Item 1** amends **paragraph 24(1)(c)** by increasing the number of “other” members (ie those members who are not the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson) on the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA) from three to five.

**Item 2** amends **subsection 24(2)** by increasing the number of allowable vacancies in the ANTA membership, at any one time, in order to perform its functions and exercise its powers from two to three, to reflect the increase in the number of members.

**Item 3** amends **subsections 36(3) and (5)** by increasing the number of members to be present at an ANTA meeting to form a quorum from three to four members and increasing the majority number of votes needed to decide questions at an ANTA meeting from three to four members present and voting, to reflect the increase in the number of members.

**Item 4** amends **section 38** by increasing the number of members from three to four who are required to indicate agreement to carry a resolution without a meeting of ANTA taking place, to reflect the increase in the number of members.

