



# State Budget 2005/06 Information Sheet

## Education and Training

WACOSS recommendation	Government's Pre-election Commitment <sup>1</sup>	Budget outcome
Commit to ensuring that <b>Nationally Accredited Training in Social Housing</b> is adequately funded and made accessible and available to staff and volunteers in community housing organisations throughout Western Australia. That the DET commit to the National Skills Development Strategy for Indigenous Community Housing Management.	The DET will deliver the Certificate IV in Social Housing under the Community Service Training Package. Units from the nationally accredited qualification will be delivered to participants from regional and remote indigenous communities in a pilot program this semester (2004). The full qualification will be ready for delivery in 2005.	No specific allocation in the budget.
That additional funding be allocated for the exploration of <b>alternative clinical training models in the TAFE sector</b> for the preparation of Certificate III (Care Workers) and Certificate IV (Enrolled Nurses).	The DET is currently funding the enhancement of the Certificate IV in Enrolled Nursing to a Diploma level. \$7 million increase in the funding provided to these areas since 2001.	No specific allocation in the budget.
That the State Government allocates <b>additional resources to education and training providers to assist in the delivery of services</b>	The issues raised have been addressed in the DET budget submission relating to raising the school leaving age to 16 years in 2006 and 17 in 2008.	Small funding increase for RTO providers.
Undertake a comprehensive <b>review of the extent and experience of financial disadvantage amongst employed people</b> in Western Australia to combating this occurrence.	The Government has demonstrated its ongoing commitment to assisting low income employees by: Abolishing AWA'a and improving conditions. No commitment to a review.	No specific allocation in the budget.
That the State Government establishes policies and programs to <b>offer mature age unemployed people greater support</b> in accessing and maintaining appropriate employment	(DOCEP) is developing a Mature Age Employment Strategy. Key elements of the strategy include addressing age discriminatory attitudes, promoting more flexible work practices, and providing ongoing training, development and alternative job opportunities.	Will develop and implement a mature age employment strategy.