

# PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND ESTIMATES COMMITTEE 2017/18



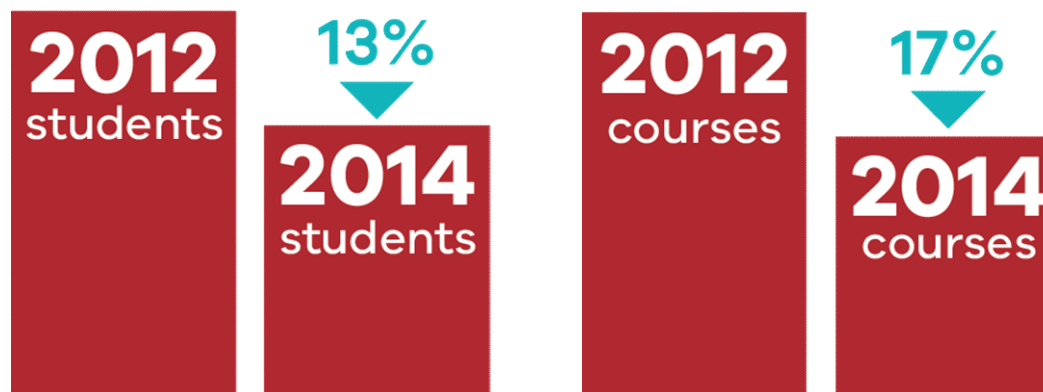
## The Victorian training and TAFE sector is critical to the economy

- Since being elected, more than **250 new jobs** have been created every day
- In the year to March 2017, more jobs were created in Victoria than the rest of the country combined
- Victoria's Training and TAFE Sector is critical to driving economic productivity and growth, including:
  - Developing high quality skills in areas of industry needs
  - Lifting workforce participation
  - Improving workforce skill levels.



## The Government inherited a TAFE and training sector in decline

- Former government policy changes from 2012-2014 resulted in:
  - Number of students reduced by over 66,000 (13 per cent)
  - Number of course enrolments reduced by 115,000 (17 per cent).
- TAFE sector operating at a loss of \$52.5 million in 2014
- The training and TAFE sector was in crisis and public confidence at an all time low.



## Stabilising and rebuilding a strong Training and TAFE sector

- The Quality Blitz from 2015 removed a significant number of low quality and fraudulent private RTOs
- In the 2015/16 financial year, the exit of training providers who no longer held a Victorian Government training contract accounted for more than 40 per cent of the decline in government subsidised enrolments
- TAFE and dual sector provider market share of students increased from 31 per cent to 37 per cent between 2015 and 2016
- Since coming to office, the Victorian Government has allocated **over \$650 million** dollars to first restore and then strengthen the TAFE network
- Rebranded the TAFE network – TAFE Victoria

**\$650M**  
for TAFE



## The Government is committed to investing \$2.4 billion in the training and TAFE sector

- TAFE and training sector funding in the 2017-18 Budget is \$2.4 billion
- This reflects forecasted industry demand under *Skills First*.

**\$2.4B**  
investment  
in TAFE & training



## TAFE Accountability

- In 2015, for the first time, TAFEs publicly reported on four consistent KPIs and set targets
- Monthly financial meetings with Board Chairs and CEOs
- Clear milestones and outcome measures in all Common Funding Agreements
- Reform of TAFE Boards
- New TAFE Compacts for 2018



# ***Skills First* puts TAFE at the centre of the government funded training system**

- *Skills First* commenced 1 January 2017
- It ensures real training for real jobs through:
  - High quality training that students and employers can trust
  - Restored funding for the TAFE Network
  - A real voice for industry and funding
  - Funding for high needs learners
  - Access to targeted, relevant training for regional students and industry
  - Access to training and support for those transitioning to new careers.



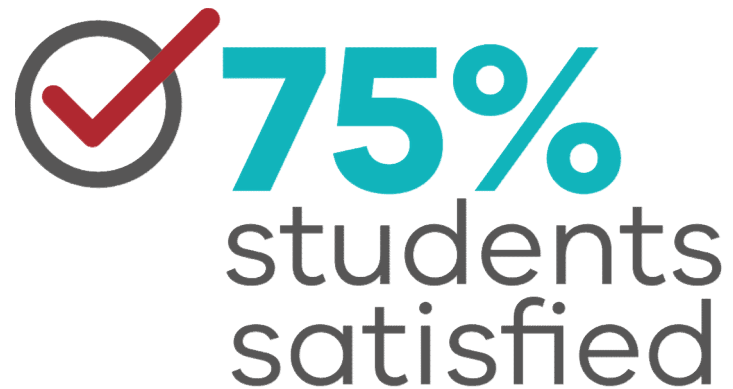
## ***Skills First – High quality training leads to real jobs***

- The Funded Course List has just over 1,000 courses to ensure training aligns more closely with industry needs and government priorities
- Only the highest quality training providers delivering industry relevant courses have received government contracts.



## Support for *Skills First* reforms

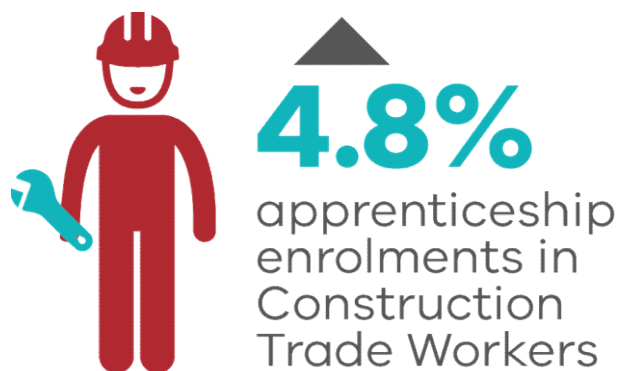
- We have introduced a number of real - time monitoring mechanisms to ensure that we can identify issues early and provide the necessary support for those students experiencing difficulties.
- More than 25 per cent of students who enrolled for the first time this year responded to Have Your Say SMS poll in April 2017
  - More than 75 per cent of students reported satisfaction with the quality of the teaching received so far and feel their training will assist them get a job
  - 86% of students reported that they are likely to complete their course based on their experience so far.



75%  
students  
satisfied

## 2017-18 Budget Initiatives - Drive to Grow Apprenticeships

- Apprenticeship enrolments were stable between 2015 and 2016
- There was an 4.8 per cent increase in apprenticeship enrolments in Construction Trade Workers occupations between 2015 and 2016
- **\$8.2 million** to fund Apprentice Support Officers
- Apprenticeship retention rate up three per cent
- Established an Apprenticeships Taskforce to identify barriers for employers and students.



## Latrobe Valley - Worker Transition Support

- Government has provided **\$4 million** over two years to support workers and their families in the Latrobe Valley.
- Government continues to demonstrate its commitment to ensuring retraining opportunities are available for those who need it.
- The initiative will:
  - improve the capacity of local organisations to work with local communities.
  - support the development and delivery of non-accredited programs
  - ensure that services and supports are coordinated and effectively targeted.

