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Witness:	Minister Brooks
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Aiv PUGLIELLI: Thank you, Chair. Good morning, Minister and officials. Just to pick up the question that we did not quite round out earlier regarding Treasurer's advances. In 2024–25 there was a \$93 million Treasurer's advance to fund TAFE programs. How much will be required in this budget?

Colin BROOKS: What was the budget reference? Just so I can –

Aiv PUGLIELLI: It was page 81 of the performance statement, I believe.

Lill HEALY: And Mr Puglielli, just the specific question?

Aiv PUGLIELLI: There was a \$93 million Treasurer's advance required to fund TAFE programs for 2024–25. How much will be required for this budget?

Lill HEALY: We will take that on notice, thanks.

Answer:

Treasurer's Advances (TA) for the 2025-26 financial year are not yet finalised as the financial year has not yet concluded. All 2025-26 TA expenditure will be publicly disclosed in the Victorian 2025-26 Annual Financial Report that will be released later in 2026.

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Aiv PUGLIELLI: Yes. Okay. Do you anticipate deploying teachers across more classes or increasing class sizes or reducing per course funding in ways that effectively cut student instruction time in order to deliver those additional places?

Colin BROOKS: No to the last part of your question, but just in terms of the operation of those new places, I might refer to Mr Miller to answer that question.

David MILLER: Certainly not in terms of reduction of sizes or even increasing class sizes above suboptimal levels. What you have seen in the annual reports that was reflected in line with the increased delivery and commencement numbers in TAFE, you have also seen an increase in the number of staff employed at TAFE to deliver a lot of those training services. As training needs grow, you know, TAFEs grow with that and use the funding that they receive for training delivery to bring in additional staff to be able to cater to additional needs. Obviously that is supported by the investment that also provides the infrastructure that they need to deliver that additional training.

Aiv PUGLIELLI: Okay. Thank you. **Should we expect to see student instruction time increase or decrease over the forward estimates?**

Colin BROOKS: It is not really a budget measure.

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Aiv PUGLIELLI: How do you figure? How is it not a budget measure?

Colin BROOKS: Well, I am not sure how it relates –

Aiv PUGLIELLI: We fund our TAFEs. I am talking about student instruction time.

Colin BROOKS: Yes. We are certainly not expecting that, but can we take that one on notice as well?

Aiv PUGLIELLI: Yes, that is fine.

Colin BROOKS: There is no problem with the question. It is just coming out of left field, that is all.

Aiv PUGLIELLI: That is all right. You can take it on notice. Thank you.

Answer:

TAFE training is delivered in line with the nationally set training package requirements which include guidance as to the normal teaching effort required. Student instruction time is not a performance measure reported by the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions for accredited training.

Government subsidised training delivery is measured by the number of course enrolments each year. There is no change between the 2025-26 and 2026-27 targets for course enrolments.