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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

James Milligan MLA: To ask the Minister for Skills

In relation to:

Minister on p. 70 & 95 there is the mention of \$4.2 million to extend and refresh the Study Canberra website.

(1) Where is this appropriation in the budget?

(a) It is mentioned twice on p. 95 under public service funding, so to clarify this is not part of Output class 3: Skills budget?

(b) Is this part of recurrent funding or in addition to?

(2) The CPA in its budget submission recommended working with industry and education institutions across the ACT to address areas of skills shortages. Will the website refresh finally include the listing of all tertiary and VET institutions in the ACT, rather than just CIT and the Universities?

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

1. The budget initiative described on page 70 and 95 of the Budget Outlook is “\$4.2 million to extend and refresh Study Canberra to focus on partnering with our tertiary education institutions to help the recovery of this sector”. Study Canberra is part of Output Class 3: “Economic Development”, under the function titled “Business and Innovation”. The initiative relates to broader activities than the Study Canberra website and includes the development of marketing materials about Canberra for use by universities in their efforts to attract students and other collaborative projects to enhance the experience of international students while they are in Canberra.
 - a. The appropriation for the Study Canberra initiative can be found in Budget Statement B, Table 48: Changes to Appropriation – Controlled Recurrent Payments (Page 54). It is listed under the heading *Boosting business and the economy, Strengthening the tertiary education sector*. This appropriation will fund all of Study Canberra's activities.
 - b. This initiative will receive \$1 million per annum recurrent, adjusted for CPI. It is not in addition to any other funding.
2. The Study Canberra website is regularly updated. The Website does not include a comprehensive list of all private providers as this list is regularly subject to change. However, both the Study Canberra website and the Skills Canberra website includes a link to the Australian Government's *My Skills* website that provides a course search function where

students can search the offerings of all providers. There are currently 121 training providers listed on this website for Canberra.

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By the Minister for Skills, Chris Steel MLA