SUBJECT: Productivity Places

Congress welcomes the creation of more than 700,000 additional training places in the Productivity Places Programme (PPP). However, to date less than 3% of the PPP funding has gone to TAFE. This is because the funding has been allocated competitively at a funding level so low that TAFE Institutes which provide award wages and conditions to their employees and maintain costly infrastructure in order to provide quality vocational education and training cannot afford to deliver the places.

This will impact significantly on the quality of vocational education offered through the PPP.

Congress calls on the Rudd government to provide sufficient and adequate funding to the PPP to allow TAFE institutes to access the programme.

Further Congress calls on the Rudd government to develop an effective, efficient and fair allocation mechanism for the PPP.