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TAFE Student Get Cold Shoulder For Christmas

'Dr Brendan Nelson will guarantee TAFE student receive a cold shoulder from the Australia Government for Xmas despite his own statistics showing increased demand for TAFE courses is currently around 40,000 students or new enrolments in 2004', Pat Forward AEU Federal TAFE President said today.

'The Howard Government is responsible for contributing to education and training opportunities for all Australians yet it has refused to fund any new places for the 40,000 TAFE students denied a place last year'

'The states had been seeking to negotiate an agreement with Minister Nelson that put priority on reducing unmet demand for TAFE courses and reducing youth unemployment by creating new training places for peoples needing to upgrade their skills to access jobs'.

'Nelson and the Howard Government have poured millions into the higher education sector yet cannot find one extra dollar for the thousands of students on TAFE waiting lists'.

The AEU will make TAFE funding a major issue in the lead up to and during the Federal Election next year'.

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