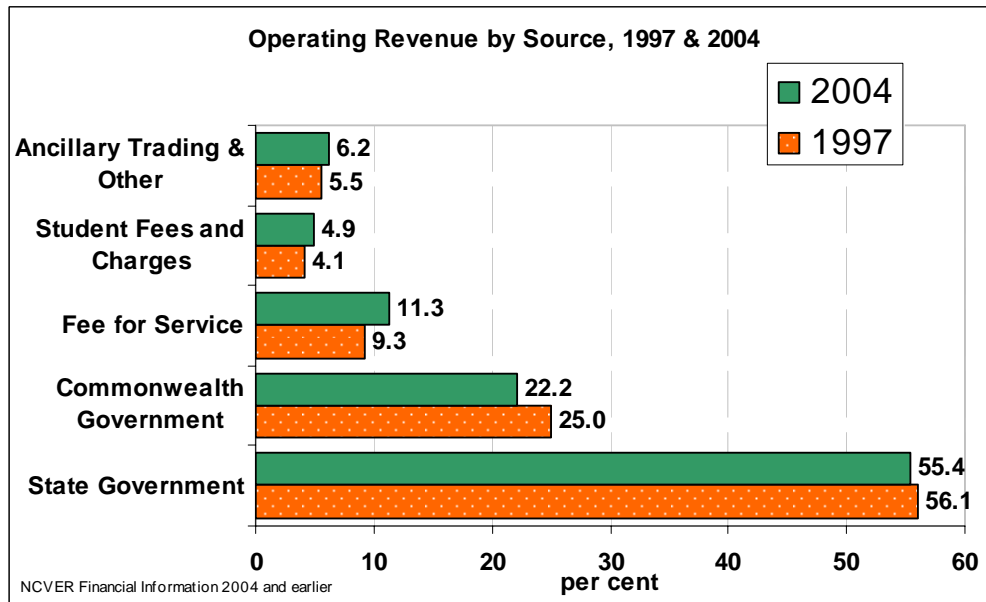


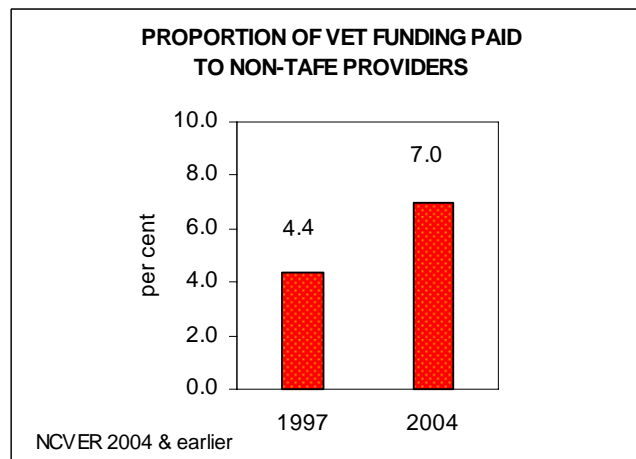
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Effects of the VET Funding Squeeze

As a percentage of total VET operating revenue, the Commonwealth contribution has declined from 25% in 1997 to 22.2% in 2004. Other sources of TAFE revenue have grown, including student fees and charges and fee for service operations.



The funding squeeze on TAFE has been exacerbated by the growth in the share of VET funding going to non-TAFE providers.



The outcomes for TAFE include larger class sizes, reductions in TAFE courses, cuts to student services, financial crises in some TAFE colleges leading to amalgamations and closures, growth in precarious employment for TAFE teachers; increased workload and stress for TAFE teachers, a high level of unmet demand for VET courses – estimated at 45,600 for 2004, and increases in student fees.