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## **NEW LEARNING AND TEACHING MODEL A GOOD START - ATN**

Changes announced today to the Government's performance based learning and teaching fund signal a positive step in assessing teaching and learning in Australia's Universities.

The five universities of the ATN collectively teach about a quarter of the students graduating from Australian Universities each year.

ATN Director, Ms Vicki Thomson said the ATN believes the quality of learning and teaching in our universities is a critical issue.

"We believe it should be measured and compared – however the methodology used in the first round was neither fair nor accurate. We do believe more robust performance indicators and a fairer method of fund allocation can be achieved which will reward excellence wherever it occurs and we have put our case to the Federal Government," Ms Thomson said.

"The Minister has indicated that there will be changes in the methodology used upon which funding is distributed and we look forward to hearing further details of those changes.

"The ATN is also supportive of the shift to allocate the \$82 million on the basis of four broad discipline areas as a move which supports and encourages diversity in our sector."

In its case to Government, the ATN has argued for:

- Funding for stage one to be based on improvement in the criteria used for stage two
- The use of standardised scores in place of ordinal rankings
- A review of the methodology to enable transparency, consistency, rigour and reliability in the data: and
- A review of the criteria used to assess stage two.

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