

## **9. Powers of the Minister**

- (1) The Minister may do all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with the performance of the functions specified in section 8 and any other functions conferred on the Minister by this Act.
- (2) Without limiting subsection (1) the Minister may for the purpose of performing any function —
  - (a) authorise and require public training providers to provide education and training in accordance with a State Training Profile;
  - (b) determine and coordinate arrangements for —
    - (i) the curriculum;
    - (ii) student selection, admission and enrolment procedures; and
    - (iii) other administrative procedures,to be used or followed by public training providers;
  - (c) acquire, hold, improve, develop and dispose of land and other property of any kind, for and on account of the State, for the purposes of this Act;
  - (d) by public notice, invite expressions of interest in, and tenders for, and enter into, contracts to fund or partly fund the provision of courses, skills training programmes and services related to vocational education and training by training providers;
  - (e) provide funds, by way of grants and otherwise, and make other resources available to training providers and other persons for purposes related to vocational education and training;
  - (f) authorise, by lease, licence or other arrangement, the use for commercial, community or any other purpose of any land, buildings, equipment, facilities or services used or provided for, or in connection with, the provision of vocational education and training as long as the use for such a purpose does not detract from the provision of vocational education and training;
  - (g) enter into contracts or other arrangements to provide products, consultancy or other services in the course of, or incidental to, the provision of vocational education and training;
  - (h) turn to account the vocational education and training expertise of the State by means of the sale of knowledge and services and the commercial exploitation of copyright and other intellectual property, including the assignment and licensing of such property;
  - (i) enter into contracts and arrangements with overseas organisations for the provision of vocational education and training and related services;
  - (j) engage in applied research and development related to vocational education and training in conjunction with industry, research organisations, other educational institutions and other bodies;
  - (k) assist the development of industry and commerce and the community in relation to the application of new technology related to vocational education and training and the skills and knowledge needed for that application; and

- (l) on terms and conditions approved by the Treasurer, participate in any business arrangement and acquire, hold and dispose of shares, units or other interests in, or relating to, a business arrangement.
- (3) The powers referred to in subsection (2)(d), (j), (k) and (l) are not subject to, and may be exercised despite, the *State Supply Commission Act 1991*.
- (4) In subsection (2)(l) —
  - “**business arrangement**” means a company, a partnership, a trust, a joint venture, or an arrangement for sharing profits;
  - “**participate**” includes form, promote, establish, enter, manage, dissolve, wind up, and do anything incidental to participating in a business arrangement.