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**Submission to the government’s
second Comprehensive Spending
Review**

Section 25

25 Learner:teacher ratio

Data from the DfES indicate that the learner:teacher ratio in further education colleges in England fell from 16.4:1 in 1996-7 to 13.4:1 in 2002-3.

Learner:teacher ratio, England

	FTE learners	FTE teachers	LTR
	000s	000s	
1994-5	946	65.8	14.4
1995-6	1,023	66.4	15.4
1996-7	1,050	64.0	16.4
1997-8	1,010	62.1	16.2
1998-9	1,010	62.9	16.1
1999-0	983	61.8	15.9
2000-1	955	64.2	14.9
2001-2	979	65.6	14.9
2002-3	945	70.3	13.4

FTE = full-time equivalent
Source: DfES departmental report (series)

Comment

We urge that the learner:teacher ratio is maintained at the 2002-3 level, and not increased.