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Migration training levy

Question

Senator PRATT: How has the migration training levy been applied in bridging some of the gaps? What's the assessment that has been done of that?
Ms Livingston: Is that the Skilling Australians Fund?
Senator PRATT: Yes.
Ms Livingston: That's something we'd have to take on notice. We don't have any figures with us here.

Answer

The Skilling Australians Fund (SAF), established in the 2017-18 Budget, supports state and territory projects that increase apprenticeships and other employment related training.

Since 2017, the Australian Government has provided over $727 million to the states and territories to support over 200,000 additional apprentices, trainees, and employment-related training commencements.

Since 2018, the Skilling Australians Fund has been administered through a National Partnership with six participating states and territories. To receive payment, the participating states and territories are required to report on 30 April each year. The reports are assessed against the requirements in the National Partnership and bilateral agreement, and payment is made based on the states and territories' achievements.

The Department of Education, Skills and Employment publishes a fact sheet with some of the achievements of the National Partnership on the Skilling Australians Fund: https://www.dese.gov.au/download/7010/skilling-australians-fund-factsheet/24156/document/pdf

The National Partnership and the bilateral schedules outlining all the projects each state and territory are undertaking are on the Council of Federal Financial Relations Website at: https://federalfinancialrelations.gov.au/agreements/skilling-australians-fund