Economics Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Trade Support Loans Eligibility

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QUESTION No.: BI-44

Senator KIM CARR: It may well be that you cannot answer this, Minister, but you have sought to implement the election commitment: why were the apprentices undertaking agricultural qualifications not included in the original proposal?

Senator Ronaldson: I do not know whether that is right but I will take your question on notice.

ANSWER

The Government's election commitment provided for Trade Support Loans to be paid to those apprentices in an occupation on the National Skills Needs List.

Trade Support Loans will be paid to occupations and qualifications listed on the Trade Support Loans Priority List. This list includes occupations on the National Skills Needs List and certain agriculture and horticulture qualifications.