

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000185

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

Apprentice Trade Support Loans

Question

How many apprentices have taken out a Trade Support Loan?

Can the Department provide a breakdown of the number of Trade Support Loans by electorate?

Can the Department provide an electorate by electorate breakdown of Tools for Your Trade payments?

Answer

Trade Support Loans provide up to \$20,000 over four years. Tools For Your Trade provided \$5,500 over the life of an apprenticeship.

As at 21 May 2015, 24,071 apprentices have approved applications for Trade Support Loans. There have been a higher proportion of first and second year apprentices accessing the loans, and those apprentices receive the highest level of financial support under the scheme.

The department's current apprenticeship reporting tool does not provide breakdowns of Trade Support Loans by electorate.

The department's current apprenticeship reporting tool does not provide breakdowns of Tools for Your Trade payments by electorate.