

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Skills and Training

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Industry Skills Councils - Industry Reference Committees (IRCs)

Question

If the Industry Reference Committees (IRCs) are required to provide a business/work plan to the SSO by the end of April, what resources will be provided to IRCs to enable them to meet this requirement?

How often does the Department expect IRCs to meet and what funding is available to support these meetings?

Answer

Skills Service Organisations (SSO) are funded to provide support for Industry Reference Committees (IRCs) to undertake stakeholder engagement activities and to gather industry intelligence for the development of the four year workplan.

IRCs are expected to meet at least once a year. The funding available to support these meetings will be determined through the written arrangement between the IRC and their SSO in accordance with the Programme Guidelines and the SSO funding agreements.