

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000932**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

***Skilling Australians Fund (Disability and Aged Care)***

**Question**

What will the Fund do to ensure the supply of skilled labour to the disability and aged care sectors? How much of the fund will be directed to that sector? What will the funding be spent on?

Is the government anticipating growth in reliance on foreign work visas in the disability and aged care sector? Please provide any projections that have been done.

**Answer**

The Skilling Australians Fund will prioritise apprenticeships and traineeships for occupations in high demand and areas with identified future growth, as well as rural and regional Australia.

How the Fund is allocated is dependent on the projects proposed by the state and territory governments.

The Department of Education and Training does not undertake projections of future demand for visas.