

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000952

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

Skilling Australians Fund (quality)

Question

How will quality training and quality outcomes be assured under the Fund?

Answer

The activity funded through the Skilling Australians Fund (the Fund) is subject to negotiations with the states and territories, which are currently underway.

The Fund will provide a new agreement with states and territories and will support a new partnership that focuses on strong accountability, transparency and clear outcomes.

Under the agreement, states and territories will have the opportunity to develop projects for consideration by the Commonwealth. Funding will be prioritised to projects which support apprenticeships and traineeships across a range of agreed priority areas.

Apprenticeships and traineeships provide nationally recognised training outcomes delivered by registered training organisations. The existing vocational education and training regulatory arrangements, as relevant in each jurisdiction, will continue to ensure quality training outcomes.