

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000955**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

***Mentoring Program (Eligibility)***

**Question**

What are the eligibility rules for accessing the Industry Specialist Mentoring for Australian Apprentices?

Who will deliver the mentoring?

What process will be used to identify services that will deliver mentoring?

What qualifications and experience will mentors be required to have? How will this be monitored and guaranteed?

What type of mentoring will be delivered? That is, will mentoring provide technical support, educational support, social support or another form of support?

**Answer**

The \$60 million Industry Specialist Mentoring for Australian Apprentices initiative announced in the Budget will benefit up to 45,000 Australian Apprentices and assist them in their training journey.

The Request For Tender (RFT) to select providers to deliver the program was released publicly on AusTender on 7 September 2017 and closed on 13 October 2017. The RFT contained program guidelines outlining eligibility rules and a draft contract outlining provider requirements.

The Department of Education and Training is currently assessing tenders and providers are expected to be notified in November 2017.