

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001000**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing:

***Apprenticeship Reform Advisory Group***

**Question**

- Please provide details on who referred the MBA, NECA and NECV to the Apprenticeship Reform Advisory Group (ARAG).
- Please provide any Government or Department communications that referred or recommended the MBA, NECA and NECV to the ARAG.
- Were any other organisations referred by the Government or Department to the ARAG to make presentations?
- Please provide details of the presentations made to the ARAG by MBA, NECA and NEVC including the names of presenters and their positions within the organisations they represent; and the dates, locations and durations of the presentations.

**Answer**

The office of Senator the Hon Simon Birmingham, the then Assistant Minister for Education and Training, invited Master Builders Australia (MBA), the National Electrical and Communications Association (NECA) and North East Vocational College (NEVC) to present to the Apprenticeships Reform Advisory Group (Advisory Group) held on 14 September 2015.

Representatives presented between 9.00am and 10.00am, with each party allocated 20 minutes to present and take questions. Presentations related to the alternative models of apprenticeship delivery focus area of the Advisory Group.

Mr Wilhelm Harnisch, CEO of Master Builders Australia, Senator Bob Day AO and Mr Suresh Mackinam, CEO of NECA, presented. Mr Steve Balzary from Business Group Australia attended Mr Mackinam's presentation at Mr Mackinam's request.