

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001010

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

Apprenticeship training – alternative delivery pilots - ARAG funding allocation

Question

Please provide details of the process used by ARAG, the Department, and the Minister to determine the funding allocated to each of the projects.

In particular, please explain the logic behind three different projects received identical amounts of funding.

Answer

The Apprenticeships Reform Advisory Group (ARAG) did not play a role in instigating or developing the specific *Apprenticeships Training – alternative delivery pilots* measure. In accordance with its Terms of Reference, the Advisory Group did not make any decisions about funding. In the focus area 'piloting alternative models of apprenticeship delivery', ARAG in an effort to increase adoption of apprenticeship delivery arrangements and recommended support for the validation and promotion of innovative delivery models. ARAG also agreed there may be scope to pilot particular models of training delivery which present alternatives to apprenticeship arrangements, particularly if they represent a fundamental shift in the way a trade outcome is achieved.

The Department of Education and Training, as part of the Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) process, briefed the Australian Government on the proposed design of the alternative delivery pilots.

The decision to directly fund the three organisations was made by the Government.