

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001069**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

***Analysis of the impact on apprentices of the TSL scheme***

**Question**

1. Is the Department aware of research or undertaken and/or any analysis of the impact on apprentices of the TSL scheme?
2. If so, what does that analysis show; and how does that analysis inform design of the scheme?

**Answer**

1. A short term evaluation focusing on the program's implementation was conducted within the department and completed in December 2015. A longer term evaluation will be conducted during the 2016–17 and 2017–18 financial years.
2. The short term evaluation showed positive responses from apprentices with suggestions to improve information about the Trade Support Loans (TSL) scheme.

Evaluation design and the measures to be used for the longer term evaluation will be determined through an approach to market which will occur in 2016–17.