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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: AUSTRALIAN WORKFORCE AND PRODUCTIVITY AGENCY (AWPA)

TOPIC: National Workforce Development Strategy

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-151

1. What is the forward program for consultations around the 2016 National Workforce Development Strategy?
2. Has AWPA provided advice to the Minister on funding priorities for the National Workforce Development Fund? If so, what are the priorities?
3. When is the evaluation of the National Workforce Development Fund, detailed in AWPA's 2013-14 business plan, expect to be completed? When will it be released?

ANSWER

1. AWPA will follow a similar approach to previous strategies to develop the 2016 national workforce development strategy. Consultation will commence with a joint forum with the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia in February 2014.
2. AWPA will provide advice on funding priorities for the National Workforce Development Fund to the Minister in May/June 2014 in preparation for funding allocations in 2014-2015.
3. The evaluation report is expected to be released this financial year.