

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.2 – New Apprenticeships

#### **DEST Question No. E793\_05**

Senator Carr provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

1. What is the process for appointing members of the Australian Institute for Trade Skills?
2. On what basis will appointments be made?
3. Is it intended to draw membership from a broad range of backgrounds such as employers, teachers, parents, unions and the community?
4. If not, which of these groups would not be appointed?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Appointment of members to the Institute for Trade Skill Excellence*

1. The Government announced during the 2004 election campaign that the shareholders of the Institute would be the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Australian Industry Group, the Business Council of Australia and the National Farmers' Federation. The process for appointing members of the Institute will be a matter for the Minister to consider in approving arrangements for the establishment of the Institute.
2. The specific basis for appointments will be a matter for the Minister to consider in approving arrangements for the establishment of the Institute.
3. The Institute will establish an Industry Reference Group for each key trades industry. The election commitment provided that each Industry Group will comprise industry associations' nominees, individuals with relevant professional expertise and a representative of the relevant Industry Skills Council. It is anticipated that within this framework, the Institute will have individuals from a broad range of backgrounds to choose from.
4. See answer to question 3.