

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.2 – New Apprenticeships

DEST Question No. E903_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

- a) Why are the details of the Woolworth's training package confidential on the National Training Information System website?
- b) When was the Woolworth's training package implemented?

For each year since the Woolworth's training package was implemented:

- c) How many New Apprentices have (i) commenced (ii) completed their training in a qualification from that training package?
- d) What is total value of New Apprentice Incentive Payments for qualifications under that training package?

Answer:

Woolworths Training Package

- a) The Woolworths Training Package is an Enterprise Training Package, developed by Woolworths with minimal public funding. It undergoes the same quality assurance processes as other Training Packages. The Training Package focuses on the operation of Woolworths and is one of its competitive advantages in the industry. For this reason the information relating to its training is kept confidential on the National Training Information Service.
- b) The Woolworths Training Package was first endorsed on 28 October 1999. It then underwent a review process and the Training Package was updated and endorsed again on 16 January 2004.
- c)
 - i) A total of 10,243 New Apprentices have commenced their training in a qualification from the Woolworths Training Package.
 - ii) There have been 3,401 completions.
- d) The total value of New Apprentice Incentive Payments is \$12,737,540.