

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.2 – Australian Apprenticeships

DEST Question No. E830_07

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Skills for the Future – Support for Mid-Career Apprentices

1. In QoN E615_07, the Department provided a list of eligible apprenticeships to attract the mature age wage subsidy.
 - a. How is the subsidy being received in the community?
 - b. Where is most interest coming from (employers, who get the money or apprentices who take it as a wage subsidy directly)?
 - c. Please provide a list of all subsidies paid, and to whom (employer or employee) by apprenticeship trade identified in QoNE615_07
 - d. Is there any performance indicator or measure used by the Department to measure the effectiveness of the program?
 - e. Can the Department provide a total for administered and departmental costs over the forward estimates?

Answer:

Skills for the Future – Support for Mid-Career Apprentices

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 - a. Community consultations conducted by the Department and calls made to the Department's Contact Centre regarding the initiative have been positive.
 - b. The Department does not collect statistics in relation to this.
 - c. Payments under the Support for Mid-Career Apprentices initiative commence on 1 July 2007.
 - d. As the Department is still in the development and implementation phase of the initiative, performance indicators have not yet been finalised.
 - e. The table below provides the total administered and departmental estimates by financial year for the Support for Mid-Career Apprentices initiative.

	2006-07 (\$m)	2007-08 (\$m)	2008-09 (\$m)	2009-10 (\$m)	2010-2011 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
Departmental	1.576	3.168	3.902	4.158	4.689	17.493
Administered		40.822	64.763	83.123	100.433	289.141