

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2007-08 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 4

DEEWR Question No. EW69_08

Senator Boswell provided in writing.

Question

“Tools for your Trade” program

With reference to the Tools for your Trade program, could the Minister outline:

The criteria or methodology used by the department to differentiate between horticultural and agricultural apprenticeships and traineeships and any other apprenticeship and traineeship when changing the eligibility criteria for the Tools for Your Trade and the Apprenticeship Training Voucher programmes?

Answer

Agriculture and horticulture Australian Apprentices are not differentiated under the Tools For Your Trade and Apprenticeship Training (Fee) Voucher programs. Under these programs, Australian Apprentices undertaking a Certificate II, III or IV level qualification in agriculture or, if in a rural or regional area, horticulture, are eligible from 1 July 2007 for an \$800 tool kit and up to \$1000 to cover course fees associated with their apprenticeship training in their first and second year.