

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 5 - Workplace Relations

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Senator Cormann asked on 10/02/2010, Hansard page 133.

Question

PROVISION FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING FEES

Senator CORMANN—Are you able to give us some data, on notice perhaps, about how many people were previously covered under equivalent awards across Australia where training costs had to be reimbursed and how many were covered in awards where training costs did not have to be reimbursed? Mr Kovacic—We will take that on notice. Senator CORMANN—Thank you very much.

Answer

Of the 52 pre-reform building and construction awards and Notional Agreement Preserving State Awards (NAPSAs) that the Department has examined, 13 contained provisions requiring training costs to be reimbursed.

The Department does not have information on the number of employees covered by individual awards and NAPSAs so is unable to inform the committee on how many apprentices were previously covered under awards and NAPSAs requiring training costs to be reimbursed or not requiring training costs to be reimbursed.