

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
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Question

TRADES TRAINING CADETSHIPS

1. Can the Department provide an update on the commencement of Trades Training Cadetships? 2. Given that the Trade Cadetships are envisaged to be offered through Trade Training Centres yet so few have been built, where does the Department expect students to be trained? 3. Has the Department undertaken any discussions with TAFEs etc, as an alternative training venue? 4. Would the Department consider former Australian Technical Colleges as suitable venues for training? 5. How will the Department select RTOs etc to undertake the training? 6. What type of funding arrangement would be needed for this training to occur at TAFE or an RTO? 7. How does the Department envisage the link between Trades Training Cadetships and School Based Apprenticeships? 8. How many students does the Department expect will commence a Trade Cadetship in 2012?

Answer

1. Can the Department provide an update on the commencement of Trades Training Cadetships?

The National Trade Cadetship scheme will commence in 2012.

2. Given that the Trade Cadetships are envisaged to be offered through Trade Training Centres yet so few have been built, where does the Department expect students to be trained?

The election commitment indicates that National Trade Cadetships will be delivered through schools, including those with Trade Training Centres and through Registered Training Organisations (RTOs).

3. Has the Department undertaken any discussions with TAFEs etc, as an alternative training venue?

The provision of vocational training in schools is the responsibility of education authorities.

4. Would the Department consider former Australian Technical Colleges as

suitable venues for training?

Former Australian Technical Colleges are schools, and as per the answer to Question 2, may be suitable training venues.

5. How will the Department select RTOs etc to undertake the training?

The selection of RTO's to undertake training is the responsibility of education authorities.

6. What type of funding arrangement would be needed for this training to occur at TAFE or an RTO?

Funding arrangements are the responsibility of education authorities.

7. How does the Department envisage the link between Trades Training Cadetships and School Based Apprenticeships?

Implementation of National Trade Cadetships will include significant consultation with the broad range of stakeholders across education, training and industry sectors.

8. How many students does the Department expect will commence a Trade Cadetship in 2012?

National Trade Cadetships will be offered to students in Years 9 – 12 as an option under the National Curriculum from 2012.