

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.2 Apprenticeships and Traineeships

#### **DEST Question No. E031\_04**

Senator Crossin asked on 4 June 2003, in a tabled question.

#### **Question:**

The New Apprenticeships Access Program has been running since 1997, but once again appears to be run only in Darwin and Alice Springs within the NT. Is there any reason for this limitation? Who makes decisions on where these programs are run and what are the criteria?

#### **Answer:**

*New Apprenticeships Access Programme in NT*

Senator Crossin asked this question on 14 February 2003 (QoN E619\_03) – see attached response.

This information remains correct.

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**Answer:**

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The New Apprenticeships Access Programme (NAAP) is not resourced to provide services in every region of Australia. NAAP sites are determined on the basis of job seeker availability and areas where there are opportunities for New Apprenticeship or other employment outcomes.

The decision on which sites receive NAAP services is made by DEST using employment data provided by DEWR, in consultation with the brokers who tendered to provide the services. In the Northern Territory, Alice Springs and Darwin were allocated NAAP services on the basis of the number of job seekers and employment opportunities.

Brokers may request changes to sites and DEST may reallocate places if there is evidence of greater need in other locations.

Additionally, the Commonwealth administers the Group Training New Apprenticeships Targeted Initiatives Programme (TIP). This programme is designed to assist Group Training Organisations (GTOs) establish sustainable markets and provide additional New Apprenticeship opportunities in areas that have been identified by Commonwealth and State/Territory Governments as critical, challenging and under serviced.

Currently, the Department has a TIP project to establish a school based New Apprenticeships market in the Northern Territory and recruit a minimum of 50 New Apprentices, including 30 Indigenous New Apprentices, in the Darwin, Mataranka, Tenant Creek, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy regions in the Northern Territory.