

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

**Outcome:** 2  
**Output Group** 2.2 – New Apprenticeships

#### **DEST Question No. E156\_04**

Senator Campbell asked on 5 June 2003, EWRE Hansard pages 414-415

#### **Question:**

Can you advise how many trainees and apprentices were existing employees during the 2002-03 financial year compared to the 2001-02 financial year?

What was the total level of Commonwealth funding spent in the 2002-03 financial year on training of existing workers, in terms of incentive payments and funding to States for registered training organisations?

#### **Answer:**

##### *New Apprenticeship commencements*

According to the Department's Training & Youth Internet Management System (TYIMS), of those New Apprentices who commenced in the 2001-02 financial year, 57,812 were existing workers who had been employed for more than three months full-time equivalent. In the 2002/03 financial year the number of existing workers commencing New Apprenticeship arrangements had declined to 56,969.

In the 2002-03 financial year the total incentive payments made to employers in respect of existing workers was \$137,719,567.

DEST is unable to provide the level of funding to States for Registered Training Organisations for training existing workers as this is a State and Territory Government responsibility.