

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.2 – New Apprenticeships

DEST Question No. E065_05

Senator Carr asked provided in writing.

Question:

What does the \$133 million dollar New Apprenticeships Centres funding actually go towards?
Please break this down.

Answer:

Breakdown – New Apprenticeship Centres

The \$133 million New Apprenticeships Centre funding is paid to New Apprenticeships Centres under the New Apprenticeships Support Services Contract to provide the following range of New Apprenticeships Support Services:

- marketing and promoting New Apprenticeships to employers, potential New Apprentices and other interested persons;
- providing accurate, current, and comprehensive information to employers and New Apprentices, particularly at the commencement of the New Apprenticeship. This includes information on the rights and responsibilities of employers and New Apprentices as outlined in the *National Code of Good Practice for New Apprenticeships* and information on the range of New Apprenticeship options available that best meets the needs of individual businesses;
- working with State and Territory Training Authorities to provide a streamlined support service for employers and New Apprentices;
- providing support to employers and New Apprentices throughout the New Apprenticeship to encourage the successful completion of New Apprenticeships;
- administering the New Apprenticeships Incentives Programme (including processing applications and claims); and
- establishing effective relationships with State and Territory Training Authorities, Job Network Members, Group Training Organisations, schools and other organisations to encourage the commencement and successful completion of New Apprenticeships.

New Apprenticeships Centres are paid for these services under the following arrangements:

- 50% of the contracted unit price after the commencement and registration of the New Apprenticeship.
- 25% of the contracted unit price after 6 months from the commencement of the New Apprenticeship (the New Apprentice must still be undertaking the New Apprenticeship)

and the fee is paid only after the required follow up services are provided by the New Apprenticeships Centre).

- 25% of the contracted unit price after verification that the New Apprentice has successfully completed the New Apprenticeship.

Contracted unit prices are established through a competitive tender process.