

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

- Outcome:** 1, 2 & 3
- Output Group:**
- 1.3 – Assistance for quality teaching and learning
 - 2.1 – Funding for vocational education and training
 - 2.2 – New Apprenticeships
 - 2.3 – Assistance for skills and career development
 - 2.4 – Funding for higher education
 - 3.3 – Support for the Australian education and training export industry and international relationships
 - 3.4 – National leadership in engaging people in science and technology

DEST Question No. E428_06

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

What role does DEST have in ensuring the DIMIA program does not encourage businesses to follow the lead of Ballarat Company Maxitrans and pull out of Australian apprenticeships in favour of overseas skilled labour?

Answer:

DEST and DIMIA

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations acts in an advisory capacity to the Department of Immigration, Multi-cultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) on labour market and workplace relations issues associated with applications from employers to access business migration. DIMIA's visa requirements aim to ensure that there has been no displacement on the employment of Australians and that employers continue to demonstrate a satisfactory commitment to training Australians. The Department of Education, Science and Training has no role in this process.