

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.2 - New Apprenticeships

DEST Question No. E136_07

Senator Crossin provided in writing.

Question:

Why was the New Apprenticeships program of Women in Non Traditional Occupations incentive abolished? What replacement programs have been initiated?

Answer:

Women in Non Traditional Australian Apprenticeships incentive

This was a decision made by the Australian Government.

The intent of the Women in Non Traditional Australian Apprenticeships incentive was to influence employers' recruitment practices in female non-traditional Australian Apprenticeships. However, the incentive did not significantly increase the participation by women in many non-traditional Australian Apprenticeships, nor in areas of national skills needs.

New initiatives

From 1 July 2006, targeted Diploma and Advanced Diploma qualifications are eligible for incentives. Eligible qualifications include qualifications in Children's Services, Dental Health, Laboratory Operations and Engineering fields.