

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. E157_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

In the last financial year, how much was recovered from employers under the New Apprenticeship Incentive Program? What were the reasons for these recoveries?

Answer:

Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Programme

\$451,392 was recovered from employers.

Recovery action was undertaken for reasons including where an overpayment was identified as a result of: administrative error, incentive paid to incorrect employer, duplicate payment, Australian Apprentice was an ineligible existing worker, Australian Apprentice not employed as an Australian Apprentice at the time of eligibility, Australian Apprentice holds a prior qualification, Australian Apprentice does not pass the probation period, incorrect incentive was paid, and an overpayment was identified as a result of a National Investigations Unit investigation.