

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome** 2 - New Apprenticeships

**DEST Question No. E124\_08**

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

*Refers to DEST Question No E596\_07*

**Question:**

1. Why was this research commissioned?
2. How much did this research cost and who undertook it?
3. What process was used to determine who would undertake this research?
4. What evaluation has DEST undertaken of this research?

**Answer:**

*Electrotechnology and Data Communications – Licensing, the Ageing Workforce and Industry Dissemination: Analysis of issues and development of solutions'*

1. This project was funded through the National Skills Shortages Strategy to assist in addressing skills needs in the electrotechnology industry.
2. The Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry received \$340,500 (GST exclusive) for the project. The National Electrical and Communications Association was subcontracted for this project.

Proposals for funding are submitted to the department from a range of stakeholder organisations, including industry groups, on an ongoing basis.

3. A proposal for this project was submitted to the department from the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and approved for funding by the Minister.
4. The department evaluated the project in terms of it meeting its contractual requirements and producing the nominated project deliverables. A final project report demonstrating the performance of the project against this criteria was received and approved by the department in February 2006.