

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Nash asked on 1/06/2011, Hansard page 50.

Question

Consultation with Industry re Apprenticeship Competency Based Training

Mr Maynard: We have commenced consultation with industry in relation to this particular initiative. We have met with all ISCs and with peak employer and union bodies to talk through the potential use for this. The key features that are stressed in our conversations here are that we are looking for models that will lead to sustained outcomes that are going to provide a widespread benefit and that, wherever possible, contain a co-contribution requirement. So we do not want industry to come with their hand out. We want them to be equally paid-up players in the game.

Senator NASH: On notice, in as far as you can, could you supply for the committee the consultation that you have had across industry that you were just outlining.

Answer

Discussions about competency based progression through apprenticeships and traineeships, including in relation to the *Accelerated Australian Apprenticeships* initiative announced as part of the *Building Australia's Future Workforce* package in the 2011-12 Budget have been held with a number of organisations. DEEWR is currently undertaking a range of nationwide consultations with stakeholders on the future options for reform of Australian Apprenticeships, including the *Accelerated Australian Apprenticeships* initiative. The list below includes all organisations consulted during the post budget process and stakeholders included in the reform consultation process to 8 July 2011. These consultations are continuing.

Adult Learning Australia
AgriFood Industry Skills Council
RMIT University
Australian Apprenticeships Expert Panel
Australia Chamber Alliance
Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Australian Council for Adult Literacy
Australian Council for Private Education and Training
Australian Council of Trade Unions
Australian Education Union
Australian Industry Group
Australian Local Government Association
Australian Manufacturing Workers Union
Australian Petroleum Production Exploration Association
Community Colleges Australia

Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council
Construction and Property Services Industry Skills Council
Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union
Dumbrell Consulting
ElectroComms and Energy Utilities Industry Skills Council
Enterprise RTO Association
Forest Works Industry Skills Council
Government Skills Australia
Group Training Australia
Housing Industry Association
Innovation and Business Skills Australia
Manufacturing Skills Australia
Master Builders Association Ltd
Minerals Council of Australia
National Association of Australian Apprenticeship Centres
National Centre for Vocational Education Research
National Electrical and Communications Association
National Employment Services Association
National Farmers Federation
Restaurant and Catering Association
Rural Skills Australia
Service Skills Australia Industry Skills Council
Skilllex
Skills Australia
Skills DMC Industry Skills Council
TAFE Directors Australia
Transport and Logistics Industry Skills Council
United Voice