

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 BUDGET ESTIMATES SUPPLEMENTARY HEARING

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Senator Marshall asked on 5 November 2003

Question:

What are the funding levels and arrangements that are proposed for the new Industry Skills Councils?

Answer:

ANTA has provided the following response:

A total of \$15 million for the 2003-04 financial year has been budgeted for the new Industry Skills Councils/ existing industry advisory bodies.

The new Councils are at various stages of establishment and operations. The stakeholders of each Council have been advised of a maximum amount to which each Council would be funded in 2003-2004 if they operated for the full financial year. These figures range from \$1million to \$2.1million across the 10 Councils and reflect their individual complexity and coverage. Depending upon which month in the 2003-04 financial year the new Council actually commences operation, the organisation will receive a pro rata amount of the total year's funding cap.

The funds will be administered through a single agreement with each of the 10 declared Councils.

Contracts will be based on business plans prepared by the Councils and which include priority activities agreed to by ANTA and in line with the Council's roles and responsibilities.