

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2005-2006 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.4: Assistance for Transition Through and From School

DEST Question No. E827_06

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

How much funding does DEST provide to peak industry groups to “support vocational learning opportunities and effective school to work transitions for young Australians” (p.57 DEST annual report 2004-05). Please specify the amounts given by industry group.

Answer:

Industry Group Funding for Vocational Learning and School to Work Transitions for Young Australians.

DEST has contracted a number of peak industry groups to support the take-up of vocational learning pathways for young Australians to assist students to make successful transitions through school to work and further study. The funding was provided from Output Group 1.4: assistance for transition through and from school.

The following table lists each peak Industry Group and the funding which was received from DEST in the 2002 to 2005 period.

Industry Group	Total Contracted Amount
Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry National	\$458,229.00
ACT and Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry	\$258,416.00
Australian Business Limited (ABL)	\$258,416.00
Australian Hotels Association (AHA)	\$258,416.00
Australian Retailers Association (ARA)	\$258,416.00
Business South Australia	\$258,416.00
Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia	\$258,416.00
Commerce Queensland	\$258,416.00
*Housing Industry Association (HIA)	\$774,789.00
Master Builders Association (MBA)	\$258,416.00
National Electrical and Communication Association (NECA)	\$258,416.00

Industry Group	Total Contracted Amount
Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce and Industry	\$258,416.00
Printing Industries Association of Australia	\$258,416.00
Restaurant and Catering Australia	\$258,416.00
Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry	\$258,416.00
Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce	\$258,416.00
Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry	\$258,416.00
Australian Industry Group (AIG)	\$663,500.00
Group Training Australia (GTA)	\$315,000
Master Plumbers Association	\$135,416.00
Rural Industry Initiative (Rural Skills Australia RSA)	\$1,036,100.00
Total	\$6,742,907.00

*HIA Limited's contracted amount includes \$516,373 for the period of July 2005 to May 2007 to lead an Enterprise Learning Construction Industry Partnerships project under the the *Enterprise Learning for the 21st Century* initiative.

During the funding period these industry groups have actively engaged and taken a key role in developing school to work linkages for young people. The groups have contributed to effective outcomes for students and youth through:

- promoting Vocational Education and Training in Schools and School-based New Apprenticeships to employers, schools and students;
- supporting transitions from school to work;
- networking on key national issues;
- career initiative leadership;
- enterprise education projects;
- local community partnership network;
- quality Structured Work placements; and
- business engagement.