

## EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

### SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

**Outcome:** 2

**Output Group:** 2.2 – Australian Apprenticeships

#### **DEST Question No. E606**

Senator Wong provided in writing.

#### **Question:**

##### *Skills for the Future*

- a) Under what Budget Outcome and Output Group will the Government's 'Skills for the Future' package be funded?
- b) For each initiative included in the 'Skills for the Future' package what is the total administered and departmental costs in the current budget and across the forward estimate period?
- c) Will the value of the vouchers announced in the 'Skills for the Future' package be indexed? If so, for each voucher, what indexation factor will apply and on what date will the indexation occur?

#### **Answer:**

##### *Skills for the Future*

- a) The Government's 'Skills for the Future' package will be funded from Outcome 2. The following components of the 'Skills for the Future' package will be funded from Output Group 2.2 – Australian Apprenticeships:
  - Work Skills Vouchers;
  - Support for Mid-Career Apprentices;
  - Business Skills Vouchers for Apprentices;
  - Incentives for Higher Technical Skills.
 More Engineering Places at University will be funded from Output Groups 2.4 – Funding for Higher Education and 2.5 – Assistance for Post School Students including those with special needs.
- b) For each initiative included in the 'Skills for the Future' package the total administered and departmental costs in the current budget and across the forward estimate period are as follows (\$'000s):

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>2006-07</b>	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>Total</b>
Work Skills Vouchers	38,600	80,500	96,100	96,100	96,300	<b>407,600</b>
Dept	7,256	2,174	2,014	2,058	2,210	<b>15,712</b>
Support for Mid-Career Apprentices	1,600	44,000	68,700	87,300	105,100	<b>306,700</b>
Dept	1,576	3,168	3,902	4,158	4,689	<b>17,493</b>
Business Skills Vouchers for Apprentices	1,000	1,500	2,700	3,200	4,000	<b>12,300</b>
Dept	405	233	288	243	350	<b>1,519</b>
Incentives for Higher Technical Skills	1,600	5,300	8,900	16,800	21,900	<b>54,400</b>

Dept	1,254	855	785	781	743	<b>4,418</b>
More Engineering Places at University	0	7,000	12,400	16,600	19,900	<b>55,900</b>
Dept	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>

c) No, the vouchers will not be indexed.