

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.2 – Australian Apprenticeships

DEST Question No. E608_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

a) *Skills for the Future* 'Work Skills Voucher'

Will the work skills voucher be able to be used in any Certificate II course, or will it be restricted to courses in areas of skills demand? If it is to be limited, what courses will be eligible and how will they be determined?

b) *Skills for the Future* 'Business Skills Voucher for Apprentices'

What courses will be approved for use of the voucher? Will these courses be required to be accredited courses under the AQF?

Answer:

Eligible Courses

a) The Work Skills Voucher may be used to undertake accredited literacy or numeracy courses, Year 12 or equivalent courses, and vocational Certificate II qualifications approved by DEST as eligible for the voucher and offered by an approved provider. Vouchers will not be restricted to courses in areas of skills demand.

b) The Business Skills Voucher for Apprentices can be used for business training units that are part of qualifications in the Business Services Training package, other relevant training packages or a nationally accredited business course. The business training units cannot duplicate units already provided as part of the individual's Australian Apprenticeship training plan. A list of approved courses, qualifications and business training units is available on the DEST website.