

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Skills for the Future 'Work Skills Voucher'

What mechanisms will be put in place to ensure that students are able to make use of their eligibility for vouchers? For example, how does the Government propose to deal with the situation of potential students in rural areas where there may not be sufficient other eligible students to make the offering of a course attractive to an RTO?

Answer:

Making Use of Eligibility

The Skills Vouchers Programme funds individuals to undertake courses, rather than funding full courses. Therefore, there is no requirement that an approved course must only be offered to voucher-eligible students. Courses can be filled with non-voucher funded individuals. In addition, the Department will be seeking submissions from registered training organisations for a variety of course delivery modes, including online training and distance education units. This will help provide equitable coverage across States and Territories and regional and remote areas. The Department of Education, Science and Training website will indicate which organisations are able to offer this type of flexible training.