

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. E620_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Refers to DEST Question No E119_07

Question:

(a) In answer to question No. E119_07 regarding the Tools for your Trade initiative the Department advised that it was 'currently undertaking data analysis to estimate the number of expected commencements in those qualifications' added to MODL in March 2006. Has this analysis been completed?

(b) Were the Industry Skills Councils involved in, or consulted by DEST, in the process of determining this data analysis?

(c) What are the total additional costs expected to be incurred in the current budget year and across the forward estimate period by both the Tools for Your Trade Initiative and the Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship (please specify by program) by the addition of the 16 trades?

Answer:

Impact of changes to Migration Occupations in Demand List on the Tools for Your Trade initiative and Commonwealth Trade Learning Scholarship

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Possible financial implications are being considered.