

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.2 - Australian Apprenticeships

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Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

What is the scope of the ANAO's audit of the Department's apprenticeship program?
On what date does the Department expect the final audit report to be released?

Answer:

Audit scope

The audit will examine key processes in the Department's administration of aspects of Australian Apprenticeships. The audit will focus on the two largest components of Australian Apprenticeships, Support for Australian Apprenticeships and Australian Apprenticeships Centres, and will examine the following:

- The Department's planning and performance reporting relating to Australian Apprenticeships including whether it reports on the achievement of Australian Apprenticeships objectives;
- The Department's management of its contracts with Australian Apprenticeships Centres including the payment of fees-for service; and
- the effectiveness of the Department's Support for Australian Apprenticeships Programme in achieving its objectives. The audit will also examine whether adequate process [controls] and quality assurance exists relating to incentive payments made to eligible employers.

Tabling date

The ANAO expects to table the report in May 2007.