

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2008-09 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome 2

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Senator Mason provided in writing.

Question

Trade Training Centres in Schools

- (i) How many school based apprenticeships will the 34 TTCs in Round 1 deliver?
- (ii) How many of these 34 TTCs will be delivering school based apprenticeships in areas of skills shortage?
- (iii) What is the list of schools the national assessment panel recommended to the Minister?
- (iv) Under what circumstances would the Minister not accept the national assessment panel recommendations?

Answer

- (i) This information will become available as the TTCs begin operations.
- (ii) Addressing national skills shortages in traditional trades and emerging industries by improving the relevance and responsiveness of trade training programs in secondary schools is an important priority of the TTC Program. Most of these trades, including those in skills shortage, require a Certificate III or above. Schools will report on specific qualifications being delivered by the TTC (including school based apprenticeships). This information will become available as the TTCs begin operations.
- (iii) All schools recommended by the National Assessment Panel were approved by the Minister. The list of successful Round One (Phase One) schools is on the TTC website at www.tradetrainingcentres.deewr.gov.au/ttc_program/phase_1
- (iv) As outlined in the Program Guidelines, the Minister will make the final decisions about which applications are funded and the final funding amount. In making these decisions the Minister may take into account the recommendations of the National Assessment Panel. In circumstances where the Minister does not wish to follow departmental advice, the decision will be referred to a Ministerial Group, as outlined in the Department of Finance and Deregulation's guidelines on discretionary grants.