

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Cash provided in writing.

Question

Australian Apprenticeships – future trade shortages

Has DEEWR undertaken any forecasting into future shortages in trades qualified people? If so, over what projected time frame?

Answer

The department undertakes skill shortage research on an ongoing basis but does not forecast future shortages of skills needs. The department also prepares annual projections of future employment growth for all occupations, currently for the five years to 2013-14. These are published on the Job Outlook website (www.joboutlook.gov.au).

Skills Australia has examined skills needs across the economy to 2025. The results of that modelling is available at http://www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/Programs/skillsaustralia/Documents/AE_Skills_Demand.pdf