

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

500 PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PLACES

Of the 500 Pre-Apprenticeship Places announced for disadvantaged South Australians on 15th July 2010, how many have been taken up?
What is the time frame for these places to be commenced?
How is the Department advertising these places?

Answer

On 15 July 2010, the then Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, the Hon Simon CreanMP and South Australian Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education, the Hon Jack SnellingMP jointly announced an additional 500 pre-apprenticeship training places in South Australia, funded by the Commonwealth and managed by the South Australian Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology (DFEEST).

DFEEST has executed funding deeds with five training providers under Phase 1 of this project which will deliver 29 courses in total, providing pre-apprenticeship training for 376 participants. Following a further public tender for Phase 2 of this project, DFEEST expect to announce training providers to deliver the remaining 124 pre-apprenticeship training places.

DFEEST advise that, as at 28 October 2010, 140 individuals have commenced training in a pre-apprenticeship course under the *Apprentice Kickstart: Increased Pre-Apprenticeship Training Opportunities* initiative in South Australia. It is expected that at least 250 individuals will have commenced training under this initiative by March 2011 and 500 individuals in total will have commenced by June 2011.

Training providers engaged by DFEEST under this initiative are responsible for advertising courses to attract participants. The South Australian Minister for Employment, Training and Further Education also published a media release promoting this initiative on 28 October 2010.