

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator McKenzie provided in writing.

Question

National Trade Cadetship

"How will funding be distributed for the National Trade Cadetship? Will it be by per capita, by student, by state, by school, etc or by any other model? Will there be additional weighting/criteria in funding formulae for regional schools, those teaching in regional classrooms or those students who reside in regional areas? "

Answer

The Australian Government has committed \$3.1 million to the initial development of the National Trade Cadetship initiative and an additional \$37.5 million over three years for structured work placements to give young people experience in the workplace.

The Ministerial Council on Education, Early Childhood Development, and Youth Affairs has agreed to refer initial developmental work to the Australian Curriculum and Assessment Reporting Authority, in partnership with Industry Skills Councils.

An expert Advisory Panel, chaired by Professor Denise Bradley AC, will guide the development and implementation of the National Trade Cadetship initiative. The Panel is currently consulting with key stakeholders on the preferred design features and implementation arrangements for implementation in 2012.