

## Senate Committee: Education and Employment

### QUESTION ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

#### Outcome: Skills and Training

#### Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000908

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

#### *Apprentice support programs*

#### Question

1. Please provide details of all programs the Government currently have implemented to support apprentices in training or encourage people to start an apprenticeship?
2. How much funding is currently allocated to each of those programmes? Please provide an itemised breakdown of programme funding since September 2013.

#### Answer

1. The Australian Government currently has three programs in place to support apprentices. These are the:
  - a. Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN)
  - b. Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program (AAIP)
  - c. Trade Support Loans (TSL) program.
2. The funding allocated by financial year to these programs (1):

<b>Program</b>	<b>2013–14</b>	<b>2014–15</b>	<b>2015–16</b>	<b>2016–17</b>	<b>2017–18</b>
	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>	<b>\$'000</b>
Australian Apprenticeship Support Network(2)	207,642	219,418	200,050	189,092	189,473
Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program	845,787	576,212	435,300	394,945	392,083
Trade Support Loans (3)	n/a	58,946	188,723	209,260	230,565

- (1) *The funding allocated represents the budget allocations published as part of the May Budget prior to the start of each financial year.*
- (2) *The Australian Apprenticeship Support Network commenced on 1 July 2015. Budget allocations for Australian Apprenticeships Centres have been provided for 13–14 and 14–15.*
- (3) *The Trade Support Loans allocation represents the expense related to the loans (including doubtful debts and completion discount) rather than the loan amounts to apprentices.*