

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001040**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

***Sustainable models of apprenticeship and trainee delivery and industry, occupation and gender***

**Question**

1. Did the government consider how successful and sustainable models of apprenticeship and trainee delivery might differ due to issues such as industry, occupation and gender?
2. Did the Department provide any such advice?
3. Was any advice sought from the Department by the ARAG on how successful and sustainable models of apprenticeship and trainee delivery might differ due to issues such as industry, occupation and gender?
4. Did the Department provide any such advice?

**Answer**

The purpose of the Apprenticeship Alternative Delivery Pilots is to trial modes of delivery in varied industry settings to evaluate and understand how successful models could be applied in different sectors and how best to reverse the decline in apprenticeships numbers which began in 2012. The pilots will contribute to an evidence base that will inform future policy development and advice.

The Department of Education and Training provided secretariat support to the Apprenticeships Reform Advisory Group (ARAG) to support their deliberations. ARAG was able to consult with a wide range of stakeholders and review evidence in the formulation of its advice to the Government.

ARAG did not provide any funding recommendations.