

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001117

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

State skills needs lists

Question

Are state skills needs lists forward looking? Or backward looking? How appropriate are they for planning future skills needs?

Answer

- Each state and territory undertakes their own process to determine their skills training priorities.
- Most states undertake some combination of labour market analysis and stakeholder consultations to determine priority areas for funding. They also consider the extent of private market activity and the public benefit when determining subsidy levels.
- States and territories also independently develop lists of occupations for the purposes of setting migration policy.