

**EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING**

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
2007-2008 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

**Outcome** 3 - Australian Apprenticeship Workforce Skills Development

**DEST Question No. E017\_08**

Senator Carr asked on 31 May 2007, EWRE Hansard page 35.

**Question:**

**Senator CARR**— Has the department seen the report entitled *'Platform for Prosperity: Australian upstream oil and gas industry strategy'*? Is the department undertaking any work to meet the skills shortages particularly in that industry?

**Answer:**

*Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) Upstream Petroleum Strategy*

Yes, the department has seen the report and is working with a range of industry partners, including APPEA, to address skills shortages. The department is represented on the Inter Departmental Committee for the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) Upstream Petroleum Strategy. The committee was established to support an industry implementation group to progress the options discussed in the report.