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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Government Funding for Training

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: BI-216

1. Are there any proposals for public providers to be allocated funding for ‘thin’ markets where it is impossible to compete with private providers where disadvantaged learners are at risk of missing out completely on relevant training?
2. Is the Government proposing to provide funding for older workers who may be employed now but will need to retrain in other areas if they are to work until they are 70?

ANSWER

1. State and Territory Governments are responsible for the operations of training systems within their jurisdictions, including access to public subsidies.
2. The Government provides funding to states and territories under COAG arrangements. Each state and territory operates their training system in such a way to maximise access to training, including for older workers.