

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000103**

Senator Rhiannon, Lee provided in writing.

***Workforce Development Fund and Industry Skills Fund***

**Question**

Has the funding within the Workforce Development Fund and Industry Skills Fund been allocated yet?

- a. Where was that money allocated?
- b. What was the public/private split in terms of recipients of that funding?
- c. What are the outcomes in terms of qualifications and jobs or industry areas?

**Answer**

National Workforce Development Fund (including the Critical Skills Investment Fund)

Funding has been allocated under the National Workforce Development Fund.

- a. Money was notionally allocated in each financial year according to national industry sector priorities decided by the former Government. It also includes administrative funding of \$21 million to Industry Skills Councils to administer the programme.
- b. As at 31 December 2014 enrolments with public sector training service providers accounted for 13.7 per cent of total enrolments. Enrolments with private sector training service providers accounted for 86.3 per cent of total enrolments.
- c. Outcomes:
  - i. Enrolments by qualification as at 31 December 2014 were:

<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Number</b>
Vocational Graduate Diploma	81
Vocational Graduate Certificate	280
Advanced Diploma	682
Diploma	12,015
Certificate IV	25,855
Certificate III	25,628
Certificate II	4653
Skill Set	8173
Not Provided	8

- ii. In the application stage, employers were required to confirm that there was a guaranteed employment outcome. The former Government's contracts did not require data on jobs outcomes to be collected once a project had been approved, therefore actual employment outcomes are unknown.

iii. Enrolments by industry sector as at 31 December 2014 were:

<b>Industry Sector</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percentage of total</b>
A – Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1291	1.7%
B – Mining	8319	10.8%
C – Manufacturing	7635	9.9%
D – Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	562	0.7%
E – Construction	18,375	23.7%
F – Wholesale Trade	685	0.9%
G – Retail Trade	3554	4.6%
H – Accommodation and Food Services	1724	2.2%
I – Transport, Postal and Warehousing	4877	6.3%
J – Information Media and Telecommunications	1913	2.5%
K – Financial and Insurance Services	3043	3.9%
L – Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	337	0.4%
M – Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1106	1.4%
N – Administrative and Support Services	3541	4.6%
O – Public Administration and Safety	2260	2.9%
P – Education and Training	1254	1.6%
Q – Health Care and Social Assistance	11,524	14.9%
R – Arts and Recreation Services	1939	2.5%
S – Other Services	3393	4.4%
Not Provided	43	0.1%

#### Industry Skills Fund

The Industry Skills Fund is providing \$624.2 million in administered funding.

- a. The fund opened to applications in January 2015. As at 18 May 2015, more than \$2.5 million has been allocated for training places and skills advice support services.
- b. Details of the public/private RTO split are not yet available.
- c. As the Industry Skills Fund has only recently been opened, no projects have yet been completed.

Funds have been provided directly to businesses to upskill employees. Micro, small and medium businesses make up 92% of recipients of training places.

This focus will provide the right economic incentives to enable businesses to flourish and increase Australia's competitive advantage.