

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000184

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Industry Skills Fund

Question

How many applications have been received for funding under the Industry Skills Fund?
Can the Department provide an electorate by electorate breakdown of applications received?
Can a progress report be provided?

Answer

The Industry Skills Fund provides for up to 250,000 training places and support services for businesses to enable them to take up growth opportunities. Investing in training of employees assists businesses to become more productive and competitive.

The programme commenced 1 January 2015.

As at 18 May 2015, the Fund has received 73 grant applications for 1302 training places.

A breakdown by electorate is included in [Attachment A](#).

In addition to training places, businesses can also apply for skills advice and support services. Advisers work with businesses to identify growth opportunities and skills needed to increase competitiveness. These support services are provided at no cost to micro, small and medium businesses.

As at 18 May 2015, 239 applications have been received from businesses for tailored skills advice.

| Electorate | Number of Applications | Training Places requested |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ADELAIDE | 3 | 7 |
| BARKER | 4 | 36 |
| BENDIGO | 3 | 24 |
| BLAXLAND | 1 | 33 |
| BOOTHBY | 2 | 16 |
| BOWMAN | 1 | 1 |
| BRADDON | 1 | 8 |
| BRISBANE | 2 | 64 |
| CALARE | 1 | 12 |
| CHISHOLM | 1 | 2 |
| COWAN | 1 | 1 |
| DAWSON | 2 | 16 |
| FADDEN | 2 | 3 |
| FARRER | 1 | 8 |
| FISHER | 1 | 1 |
| FLYNN | 2 | 79 |
| FORDE | 1 | 27 |
| FRANKLIN | 1 | 9 |
| FRASER | 1 | 64 |
| GIPPSLAND | 1 | 280 |
| GREY | 1 | 30 |
| GRIFFITH | 1 | 14 |
| GROOM | 2 | 9 |
| HERBERT | 1 | 2 |
| HINDMARSH | 1 | 4 |
| HINKLER | 2 | 4 |
| ISAACS | 5 | 87 |
| KENNEDY | 2 | 14 |
| KINGSTON | 1 | 1 |
| LALOR | 1 | 31 |
| LYONS | 1 | 1 |
| MARANOA | 1 | 15 |
| MAYO | 1 | 1 |
| MELBOURNE | 2 | 14 |
| MONCRIEFF | 1 | 1 |
| NORTH SYDNEY | 1 | 8 |
| OXLEY | 1 | 1 |
| PARKES | 1 | 2 |
| PERTH | 1 | 5 |
| PORT ADELAIDE | 3 | 4 |
| REID | 1 | 2 |
| RYAN | 1 | 200 |
| SOLOMON | 1 | 12 |
| SWAN | 1 | 10 |
| SYDNEY | 1 | 80 |
| THROSBY | 2 | 24 |
| WAKEFIELD | 1 | 26 |
| WARRINGAH | 1 | 3 |
| WIDE BAY | 1 | 4 |
| WILLS | 1 | 2 |