

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000616

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

Industry Skills Councils - funding

Question

What funding is being provided to each SSO? How was this amount determined?

Answer

Funding to operate as Skills Service Organisations (SSOs) to support the national training system for the three-year period, 2015-16 to 2018-19 (GST exclusive):

| Funding type | SkillsIQ | Artibus Innovation | Skills Impact | PwC's Skills for Australia | Australian Industry Standards | Group 6 | Total |
|---|------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Commencement and ongoing funding (allocated) | 10,745,564 | 4,318,166 | 8,705,425 | 9,397,387 | 11,586,562 | 13,565,945 | 58,319,048 |
| Training package development | | | | | | | 35,764,585 |
| Additional activities to support the national training system | | | | | | | 13,298,614 |
| Total funding | | | | | | | 107,382,247 |

Of the \$107.4 million in funding for 2015-16 to 2018-19, \$58.3 million has been allocated between SSOs for their commencement and ongoing activities. The Department of Education and Training commissioned work to map and cost the development of training packages. The funding allocated to each SSO took into consideration the information provided through that process, the number of units of competency allocated, and the requests for costs from applicants at Stage 2 of the Expression of Interest.

The remaining \$49.1 million will fund SSOs to undertake work commissioned by the Australian Industry and Skills Committee: \$35.8 million for training package development work, and \$13.3 million for additional activities to support the national training system such as research and the development of learning resources. This funding is not guaranteed to any particular SSO, and is allocated based on the skills needs of industry, national priorities and supporting the national training system more broadly.