

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000174

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

Industry Skills Fund (compliance visits of grant recipients)

Question

How many compliance visits of Industry Skills Fund grant recipients have been made by the Department?

Answer

The Department of Education and Training has put in place a fraud detection and compliance regime to monitor Industry Skills Fund activity, including through a quarterly independent desktop audit. All applications are checked for compliance with program guidelines in the application assessment stage and all approved projects are reviewed for compliance prior to a milestone payment being made.

The quarterly compliance desktop audit is performed by an internal compliance team that is independent of the contract management team. This team reviews approximately 33 per cent of all projects completed in the previous quarter analysing the integrity of evidence for payments, reports provided and administration by the contract management team.

Government funding is dispersed on a reimbursement basis which significantly decreases the risk of fraud.

No compliance site visits have been conducted as at 23 March 2017.