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Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000237

Senator Griff, Stirling provided in writing.

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MAAP targeted the following priority groups:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander apprentices
- Apprentices from regional and remote areas
- Apprentices with disability
- Apprentices in non-traditional occupations
- Australian School-based apprentices
- Australian Apprentices who are considered vulnerable youth

a. What mentoring programs exist for apprentices in these priority areas and apprentices who come from disadvantaged backgrounds?

Answer

The Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) is the program with responsibility for apprenticeship mentoring. The AASN assists employers to recruit, train and retain apprentices and help apprentices succeed in their training. The AASN provides integrated support to apprentices and employers from pre-commencement through to completion.

The AASN includes new targeted services with the aim of securing the right apprentice for the right apprenticeship, and providing more support to employers and apprentices to improve completion rates.

In-training support:

- provides tailored support, including mentoring, to individuals assessed as being at high-risk of non-completion; and
- assists employers who may be facing difficulties retaining an apprentice in training.

AASN providers have flexibility to facilitate the in-training support component of service delivery to best meet client needs, which may include mentors being drawn from the same industry as apprentices.