

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000496

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Australian Apprenticeship Support Network

Question

Can you confirm that the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network will also take on apprentice mentoring which was previously separately funded \$20 million a year and that these AASN will now be operating with \$10 million less per year than the Australian Apprenticeship Centres?

Answer

Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) providers are being funded to provide in-training services, which could include mentoring. The support needs of assisted individuals will be assessed and addressed on a case-by-case basis and interventions may include a mentoring component.

In the lead up to 1 July 2015, an open tender was conducted to select the new AASN providers who will be delivering a new suite of services to replace services delivered by Australian Apprenticeships Centres.

As part of the tender, tenderers were required to submit a price for delivery of the new services including prices that reflect the efficiencies that will be gained through introduction of the new Australian Apprenticeships Management System.

The budgeted funding for Australian Apprenticeships Centres in 2014-15 was \$219.4 million.

Current and Forward Estimates funding allocation for the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network are:

2015-16	\$200.05 million
2016-17	\$189.09 million
2017-18	\$189.47 million
2018-19	\$189.45 million.