

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Student builder pilot

Question

Senator CAMERON: ... Minister, how did you come to that conclusion that the three different projects should receive exactly the same amount?

Senator Birmingham: I will have to take that on notice. I suspect, at the point at which the advice was considered, the project proposals were considered and the dollar amount was signed off on, that it was probably Mr Hartsuyker at the time who did that. We can have a look at what information was available to the minister.

Senator CAMERON: Whether it was you or Mr Hartsuyker, could you provide details of the analysis that was done on the cost of each one of those projects and how you came up with exactly the same amount for each project. I would be really interested in that.

Dr Banerjee: Yes, we can do that. To some extent, with pilots you can expand or contract the scale according to how large a pilot you want to do—to that extent that there is some degree of flexibility with the funding that is available, rather than it being a specified amount. But we will take that on notice.

Answer

The spending proposal the Australian Government approved specified that five projects would be funded under the Apprenticeships Training – Alternative Delivery Pilots.

The total funding available was divided equally among the five pilot projects.