

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000912**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

***Skilling Australians Fund (Contributions)***

**Question**

Will the government 'top-up' the Fund if there is a downturn in the Fund due to lower than projected visa approvals

**Answer**

The amount available to the Skilling Australians Fund will be equal to revenue collected through the Skilling Australians Fund Contribution (less Department of Immigration and Border Protection expenses).

Additional funding will be provided during 2017–18 to ensure there is \$350 million available during the first year of operation of the Fund. The Australian Government has budgeted \$261.2 million in 2017–18 to be appropriated in addition to the Skilling Australians Fund Contribution revenues.