

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000923**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

***Skilling Australians Fund (Priorities)***

**Question**

What are the priority areas for the Fund?  
How will the distribution of funding across the priority areas be determined?

**Answer**

The priority areas for the Skilling Australians Fund are apprenticeships and traineeships in: high demand occupations that rely on skilled migration, trade apprenticeships, future growth industries, rural and regional areas and targeted cohorts. The Fund will also support higher level apprenticeships and pre-apprenticeships.

The distribution of funding across the priority areas will depend on negotiations with the states and territories, which are currently underway.