

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000946

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing

Skilling Australians Fund (Priorities)

Question

How were the priority industries identified? e Tourism, Hospitality, Health and Ageing, Engineering, Manufacturing, Building and Construction, Agriculture, and Digital Technologies
Who has been consulted and what data has been used to establish those industries?
How will you determine the distribution of funding across the priority industries?
What will be done in the case of state and territory priorities not aligning with national priorities?
What will be the process for including further industries?

Answer

The Skilling Australians Fund will prioritise state and territory projects which support apprenticeships and traineeships for occupations in high demand and areas with identified future growth, as well as rural and regional Australia.

Negotiations with the States and Territories on the priorities for the Skilling Australians Fund are currently underway.