

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Skills and Training**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-001004**

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

***Training package reform and the role of the Australian Industry and Skills Committee***

**Question**

Please outline the steps that have been taken by the department toward training package reform.

**Answer**

As part of the VET Reform Agenda announced by the Government in 2014, the Department of Education and Training led work to design, and is now implementing, two major reforms to training packages:

- the Review of Training Packages and Accredited Courses
- new arrangements for the development of training packages.

The Review of Training Packages and Accredited Courses was undertaken in 2014–15 and resulted in the following five reforms for training packages:

- To ensure that obsolete and superfluous qualifications are removed from the system
- To ensure that more advice on industry's expectations about training delivery is available to training providers to improve their delivery, and consumers to enable more informed course choices
- To ensure that the training system better supports individuals to move easily from one related occupation to another
- To improve the efficiency of the training system
- To foster greater recognition of skills sets.

In addition to these reforms, the department is leading work to examine and develop a case for change for enhancements to the design of training products. The Training Product Reform Joint Working Party includes senior officials, AISC and industry peak association representatives and will report back to the Ministers in late 2017.