

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000937

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Industry Skills Fund - priority industries

Question

1. What criteria were used to identify priority industries for the ISF?
2. How many businesses from the priority industries received funding under the ISF in 2015–16 and so far in 2016–17?
3. How much ISF funding (\$) went to priority industries in 2015–16 and so far in 2016–17?
4. How many participants from priority industries have received nationally recognised and VET accredited training in 2015–16 and so far in 2016–17, under the ISF?

Answer

Priority industries are in fields where Australia either enjoys a comparative advantage, is currently internationally competitive, or is likely to have an opportunity to exploit favourable global market developments; or, has a significant impact on the Australian economy.

Research by the former Department of Industry and publically available reports by Deloitte Access Economics: *Positioning for prosperity: catching the next wave (2014)* and IBIS World: *Australia's Top 5 New Exports (2013)* identified these industries as areas of opportunity for Australia.

Priority Industry Data	2015–16		2016–17*	
	Priority	Non-Priority	Priority	Non-Priority
Number of businesses	447	219	154	98

*As at 30 September 2016

Priority Industry Data	2015–16		2016–17*	
	Priority	Non-Priority	Priority	Non-Priority
Value of approved grants (ex. GST)	\$7,454,539	\$4,486,575	\$2,753,027	\$1,920,775

*As at 30 September 2016

Priority Industry Data	2015–16		2016–17*	
	Priority	Non-Priority	Priority	Non-Priority
Accredited Training Participants completed	422	114	107	101

*As at 30 September 2016