

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-001071

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

Trade Support Loans - analysis of how the loan funds are being spent

Question

1. Has any analysis been done by the Department to see how the loan funds are being spent?
2. Is there any plan for such research?
3. If not, why not?

Answer

1. No.
2. An evaluation of the Trade Support Loans program will be undertaken by the Department of Education and Training in late 2016– early 2017. However, the use of the loan is at the sole discretion of the Australian Apprentice receiving it.
3. The intent of Trade Support Loans is to increase completion rates among Australian Apprentices in priority areas, by providing financial support to eligible Australian Apprentices to assist them with the costs of living and learning while undertaking an apprenticeship.