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Senator Pratt asked:

Senator PRATT—I would assume that different regions around Australia have slightly different needs as far as the kinds of skills they are looking for. How is the government balancing that out in its strategy?

Ms Madden—Your assumption is definitely correct. It is a work in progress, I think. But we would be happy, as I said, to table the report by the industry skills council, which is a key input, and that outlines some specific regional and subregional initiatives that will be important if we are to encompass all aspects of the challenges.

Senator PRATT—Okay. Thank you.

Answer:

A copy of the Report is attached.