

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND TERTIARY EDUCATION

TOPIC: Apprenticeship Advisors Program

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: BI-106

1. Is the Australian Apprenticeship Advisors program overseen by DIIRSTE or DEEWR?
2. If DIIRSTE provide:
 - a) Selection criteria for successful programs
 - b) Total amount of money allocated through this program
 - c) Amount of money allocated to agricultural industry / businesses
 - d) Amount of money allocated to horticultural industry / businesses
 - e) Amount of money allocated to fisheries industry / businesses
 - f) Amount of money allocated to other food related businesses
 - g) Amount of money allocated to each state and territory of Australia
 - h) Amount of money allocated to Tasmanian agricultural industry / businesses
 - i) Amount of money allocated to Tasmanian horticultural industry / businesses
 - j) Amount of money allocated to Tasmanian fisheries industry / businesses
 - k) Amount of money allocated to Tasmanian other food related industry / businesses
3. Provide details of payment timings, specifically how much is being spent in the 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 financial years.

ANSWER

1. The Australian Apprenticeships Advisers Program (AAAP) is administered by the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education.
2. a) The selection criteria for the AAAP are:
 - Demonstrated capacity to provide Apprenticeships Advisers projects targeting an occupation or industry and school leavers.
 - Quality of the proposed occupation or industry specific Apprenticeships Advisers Project.
 - Evidence of effective partnerships to support provision of Apprenticeships Advisers Project.
 - Australian Apprenticeships Advisers Program Guidelines and application form are available at:
<http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/MentoringPackage/AdvisersProgramHowToApply.asp>
- b) The total appropriation available for grants under the AAAP is \$11.5 million for 2011-12 and \$9.3 million for 2012-13 (GST exclusive).
- c) As at 15 June 2012, \$3.6 million (GST exclusive) has been allocated to approved projects which include the agriculture industry.

- d) \$1,689,836 is allocated to projects which include the horticultural industry.
- e) \$3,612,713 is allocated to projects which include the fisheries industry.
- f) \$3,044,381 is allocated to projects which include the food related industry.
- g) Many projects provide multi jurisdictional coverage. It is not possible to determine the actual allocation to each state and territory. Funds provided to organisations by location of their head office is:
 - NSW \$4,055,322
 - QLD \$3,017,976
 - VIC \$719,477
 - SA \$1,078,053
 - NT nil
 - WA \$130,285
 - TAS \$286,3634
 - ACT \$6,766,028
- h) \$286,363 (GST exclusive) for one project which includes agriculture, fisheries and food
- i) Nil.
- j) \$286,363 (GST exclusive) for one project which includes agriculture, fisheries and food.
- k) \$286,363 (GST exclusive) for one project which includes agriculture, fisheries and food.

3. Allocated to date is \$11,520,000 (GST exclusive) in 2011-12 and \$4,533,504 (GST exclusive) in 2012-13. The AAAP is a terminating program and has no funding allocated in 2013-14. A six month extension has been offered to existing projects to ensure services are provided to the end of the 2013 school year. This will exhaust remaining funding.