

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2
Output Group: 2.2 – Australian Apprenticeships

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Work Skills Vouchers

1. Can I confirm that the Work Skills Vouchers to be provided under the Skills for the Future program will be available until at least 2011?
2. But the vouchers will not be indexed – the maximum amount available to each individual will remain at \$3000 – is that correct?
3. What do you estimate will be the effect of this on the value of the voucher by 2011? How much will the real value have diminished?

Answer:

Work Skills Vouchers

1. Yes the Work Skills Vouchers are funded until 30 June 2011.
2. \$3,000 is available per voucher for the life of the programme.
3. Most providers have submitted courses at well below the \$3,000 voucher limit. After 12 months approved training providers can apply for a review of the approved course costs therefore the real value of the vouchers will not diminish.