

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Senator Mason asked on 24/02/2011, Hansard page 61.

Question

DIFFERENCES IN COSTS FOR INDIGENOUS TRAINING PROGRAMS

Also, Ms Paul, the question would be, why is it costing so much more to train the employees, the workers, in—I think it is Sydney? Ms Paul—Yes, that is true. It looks like it, doesn't it? Senator MASON—It is a rather large difference. Could you also explain the differences why the training is costing so much more? Ms Paul—We will have to take that on notice. Mr Griew—On notice, that is fine.

Answer

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has provided the following response.

There is little difference in the cost of the training component between projects CN360332 and CN355635.

Under project CN360332, training and mentoring support costs\$3 860 per participant while under project CN355635, training and mentoring costs\$3 600 per participant.

The higher cost for project CN360332 can be attributed to its provision of an apprenticeship in hairdressing, completing a Certificate III, including intensive mentoring to help ensure participants complete the Certificate III and move into ongoing employment in the hairdressing Industry.

CN355635 provides only a number of units that sit within the Certificates II and III in Horticulture. The project provides less intensive mentoring than CN360332, but does provide work preparation training.

Under the Indigenous Employment Program, the support provided varies as projects are tailored to the needs of the employer and participants.