

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2004-2005 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.2 – New Apprenticeships

DEST Question No. E056_05

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

What is the average commencement subsidy paid to employers under the apprenticeships system?

How is this expected to change in light of the Government axing of training incentives?

Answer:

Average (mean) commencement incentives payments.

- The average amount paid in commencement incentives to employers during 2003-04 (for each New Apprentice attracting an incentive/s at commencement) was \$1,767.86 (GST inclusive).
- The effect of reducing the number of qualifications attracting the Women in Non-traditional incentive and removing eligibility to incentives for Commonwealth Agencies is expected to have a negligible effect on the average amount paid in commencement incentives because only a small proportion of commencements (approximately 1.4%) attracted these incentives.