

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 2

Output Group: 2.1 – Infrastructure funding for the post-compulsory system

DEST Question No. E265_05

Senator Johnston asked on 3 June, EWRE Hansard page 12.

Question:

In the context of asking about the problem in Western Australia with retention of apprentices, the Senator went on to ask about industry skills councils. The Senator then asked how many are there in Western Australia.

Answer:

Industry Skills Councils in Western Australia

ANTA has provided the following response.

Industry Skills Councils are national bodies funded by the Australian Government through ANTA. There are currently no Councils based in Western Australia. The Resources and Infrastructure Industry Skills Council is in the process of establishing a branch office in Western Australia.

Industry Skills Councils are required by ANTA to have a national network that enables them to consult, obtain intelligence and support activity in each State and Territory. This is normally done through arrangements with State and Territory industry training advisory bodies established and funded by the relevant government – in this case the Western Australian State Government. Employer associations, industry associations and unions can also be part of these networks. This provides the major link to State and Territory developments.