

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS

**SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
2008-09 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING**

Outcome 4

DEEWR Question No. 83_09

Senator Boyce provided in writing.

Question

Australian Apprenticeships Workforce Skills Development

Does this mean that school-based apprentices will no longer be able to receive these payments?

Answer

The 2008 Budget announcement, *Reduced funding for Workforce Skills Development*, withdraws funding from the Group Training in the Trades Program (GTTP). This program does not involve payments direct to Australian School-based Apprentices. There will be no negative impact on the Australian Workforce Skills Development outcomes. Australian School-based Apprentices will continue to be fully supported by a range of Australian and State and Territory Government programs.