Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace Relations

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2010-2011

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Question

TRADE TRAINING CENTRE AVERAGE COST

Senator CORMANN—We will get the detail.

Senator CORMANN—Have you got an average cost for each TTC that has been committed to so far? We know about between half a million dollars and \$1½ million, but what is the average cost?

Mr De Silva—I can tell you what the average cost was for round 2. I do not have the information for the average cost for round 1, but I could get that very quickly. Senator CORMANN—Tell us the average cost for round 2 to start off with. Mr De Silva—About \$1.2 million for round 2, but I will just confirm that. Senator CORMANN—It does not sound like there are many clusters. Ms Paul—That is on average so you have got a range, I guess.

Answer

As at 24 June 2010, 230 TTC projects have been approved for funding under the Trade Training Centres in Schools Program. The table below shows the average cost of a TTC in Rounds One and Two.

| Funding Round | No of Approved | Funding | No of schools | Average |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Projects | approved | involved | Funding |
| | · | | | per school |
| Round One | 138 | \$426,509,719 | 432 | \$987,291 |
| Round Two | 92 | \$383,815,916 | 302 | \$1,270,914 |
| Combined | 230 | \$810,325,635 | 734 | \$1,103,986 |

The table below outlines the number of successful cluster applications in Rounds One and Two of the Program.

| Funding Round | No of approved cluster applications | Average size per cluster (no. of schools) |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Round One | 87 | 4.36 |
| Round Two | 63 | 4.33 |
| Combined | 150 | 4.35 |