EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARING

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Output Group: 2.2 – Australian Apprenticeships

DEST Question No. E605_07

Senator Wong provided in writing.

Question:

Skills for the Future

Regarding the Government's Skills for the future program, and specifically the 'Work Skills Vouchers', for what purposes and costs can the voucher be used for? Will the voucher extend to cover items such as transport and accommodation costs?

Answer:

Use and Purpose of 'Work Skills Vouchers'

The Work Skills Vouchers will cover up to \$3000 of costs for accredited literacy or numeracy courses, year 12 or equivalent courses, and vocational Certificate II qualifications approved by DEST for the Australian Skills Vouchers Programme. Course costs can include administrative fees and any materials and equipment that are requirements to undertake the course. Any further costs, including transport and accommodation, would be met by the individual.