

**Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education

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Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

SKILLS AND TRAINING INFORMATION CENTRES

How many Skills and Training Information Centres are currently in operation? Where are they located? What is the annual budget for these centres?

Answer

As part of the *Skilling Australia for the Future* election initiative in 2007, Australian Apprenticeships Centre (AAC) contracts were expanded to include Skills and Training Information Centres to provide skills and training information to employers, Australian Apprentices and other interested people and to refer employers to the Industry Skills Councils.

There are 70 AACs located in 22 regions with over 350 AAC locations across Australia. Details on the location of AACs is publicly available at <http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/search/aacsearch.asp>

The 2010-11 budget for the delivery of all Australian Apprenticeship Support Services (including skills and training information) is \$201.6 million.