

## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE TO PHILIP CLARK, CHAIR NSW SKILLS BOARD

### QUESTION 1.

**THE HON. CATHERINE CUSACK:** I understand that the NSW Skills Board last week tabled its annual report out of session of the NSW Parliament. We are just checking because it is not on your website and it should have been published on your website. It has not been available to members of this Committee. We are checking on the correct copy. Do you have any idea as to why it was late and why we cannot seem to access copies?

**MR CLARK (RESPONSE ON NOTICE):**

The NSW Skills Board Annual Report was forwarded to the Minister for Skills on 30 October 2015. It was subsequently tabled in the Legislative Council. Once the Board's secretariat was advised of this, the report was published on the Skills Board website [www.skillsboard.nsw.gov.au](http://www.skillsboard.nsw.gov.au)

### QUESTION 2.

**THE HON. CATHERINE CUSACK:** What is the Board's Strategy for increasing places?

**MR CLARK (RESPONSE ON NOTICE):** The NSW Skills Board has agreed to develop a Strategic Skills Plan that will incorporate ways to address NSW state priorities, including increasing training enrolments. We expect the Plan to be ready early in the new year.

### QUESTION 3.

**Dr JOHN KAYE:** What parameters did you set [referring to discussion of how an additional \$57 million was allocated]?

**MR CLARK (RESPONSE ON NOTICE):**

The Board identified two priority areas for allocation of the additional \$57 million in funding: increasing caps to a minimum level for all providers with small caps; and funding additional high quality providers and key qualifications in the targeted priorities program, that could not be funded, or could not be funded to a viable level, due to budget constraints.

### QUESTION 4.

**THE HON. CATHERINE CUSACK:** Were you advised on the actual source of the \$57 million? Was all of it from contracts handed back or were there different components that came to a total of \$57 million?

**MR CLARK (RESPONSE ON NOTICE):** In December 2014, the Board was asked to consider options for reallocation of funds identified through an end-of-year reconciliation of 2014 State Training Services funding programs including the Strategic Skills and Apprenticeship and Traineeship Training Programs. The reconciliation identified approximately \$57 million in unexpended 2014 funds that were available for allocation under Smart and Skilled in 2015. None of it came from Smart and Skilled contracts handed back.