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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

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ACANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by James Milligan MLA on 22 August 2022: Kareena Arthy took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to:

Ms Arthy: There are multiple layers in terms of the question that you were asking. As the minister said, we consult on several levels. One is with our skills industry advisory council. The terms of reference for that are on the website. Because we are in contract with about 75 private RTOs, we work with them quite readily in terms of what the needs are.

Coming back to your question around funding that is available, the process normally is that we consult. We have the skills needs list which sets the level of subsidy that the government is willing to pay for a particular course. We then have what is called Skilled Capital. It comes under our Skilled Capital round, which means we put out, either through an expression of interest or through direct application, for private RTOs and CIT to compete to deliver the training that we have set at the subsidies that we have set. In 2022-23 the budget for Skilled Capital is \$2½ million, and that is open to both CIT and private RTOs.

As the minister said, we also have very strong demand for User Choice. The budget for User Choice in 2022-23 is just under \$15 million. If private RTOs are delivering apprenticeships and traineeships, they get access to that as well. With respect to the jobs and skills summit, if there is anything new that we do not have on our list that comes out of that, it will be a matter of us updating our list, updating our subsidy list, and including that in our Skilled Capital and User Choice subsidies.

THE CHAIR: With that subsidy list, what percentage is independent RTOs and what percentage is CIT?

Ms Arthy: From what I understand—and I may need to confirm this at another point—CIT receives about 50 per cent of the User Choice budget and about 14 per cent of Skilled Capital—or that could be \$14 million. Can I take that on notice?

THE CHAIR: Yes, absolutely.

Ms Arthy: I will confirm the figures. I am not sure whether it is a percentage or whether it is absolute numbers. I will get back to you very shortly.

THE CHAIR: I would rather have an accurate recording than an estimate.

Ms Arthy: Yes. I will get the team to send me the information, and I will confirm that
Shortly

Chris Steel MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

The following table provides the proportion of funding for Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) and Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) eligible for government funding for User Choice and Skilled Capital in 2021-22.

	Canberra Institute of Technology	Registered Training Organisations
Under User Choice (Australian Apprenticeships)	49 per cent	51 per cent
Skilled Capital	16 per cent	84 per cent

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By the Minister for Skills, Chris Steel MLA