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Dear Ms Bresnan *Amanda*

Thank you for your letter of 14 December 2010 with supplementary questions to the inquiry into the Department of Education and Training's Annual and Financial Report 2009-10.

Responses to the questions asked by the Standing Committee on Education, Training and Youth Affairs about the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund Authority are attached.

Yours sincerely

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Building & Construction Industry Training Fund Authority

ETYA Question No.	AR page	Area	Question	Answer
91		Training Programs	How will the authority support and promote an increase in the uptake of training programs?	The Training Fund Authority (TFA) has monies set aside to fund any unforeseen increases in training if required. The TFA will continue to promote and market its training programs through the following: a) TFA website b) news articles in industry association newsletters c) advertisements in industry association journals d) industry breakfasts and industry events e) the TFA's annual Training Plan f) industry associations awards function.
92			How does the Authority monitor the quality and effectiveness of funded training programs?	The TFA undertakes annual internal audits of its training programs. In addition the TFA contracts an external organisation to undertake

				annual audits of its training programs to ascertain the quality and the effectiveness of the training funded by the TFA.
93			What measurements are used?	The audits undertaken by the TFA and the externally contracted organisation examine the following: a) name, number and employment status of applicants attending each course b) evidence of the certificate/qualification issued to the applicant by the Registered Training Organisation c) evidence that the applicant has paid their contribution to the cost of the training d) evidence that the applicant works in the ACT building and construction industry and is therefore eligible for TFA funding.
94			What happens when a particular program is deemed by the Authority to be under-performing?	To date no program has been deemed as underperforming by the TFA. However, should a particular program be deemed by the Authority as underperforming it would undertake the following actions: a) have the program assessed and audited by an external organisation and a report provided b) have the program assessed by a qualified TFA staff member and a report provided c) both reports would be presented to the TFA board for a decision regarding ongoing funding of the program.