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**ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE
DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Asked by: Mr James Milligan MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Skills and Training

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In relation to: User Choice program funding

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MR MILLIGAN: What is the budget that has been put aside for user choice over the next 12 months, financial year?

Mr Steel: We can provide that on notice unless Skills Canberra can provide some information now, but as I said the nature of the program so really will fluctuate depending on how many apprentices and trainees with host employers take up subsidised training under the program and so we encourage of course more employers to take on apprentices and trainees.

We would like to see more coming in to train, and we are reviewing the subsidies at the moment to look at whether that is appropriately set given the cost of delivering courses has changed over time and we certainly recognise it in electrical training that needed to increase and so we have made that commitment in the budget to increase it to 90 per cent this time around and we are looking for—that has been welcomed by the sector delivering training in that particular area, but of course, we will need to look at it across some of the other qualifications as well, and that work is ongoing.

Ms Starick: Kate Starick, Executive Group Manager, Economic Development. Just to build on what the minister is saying but in previous years, on average, about 13 per cent—

THE CHAIR: Sorry, Ms Starick, could you acknowledge—

Ms Starick: I have read and acknowledged the privilege statement. My apologies, chair. In previous years, about 13 per cent of the budget has been allocated to user choice, the total training budget.

MR MILLIGAN: And do you have a dollar figure for that, or can you take that on notice.

Ms Starick: I will take that on notice.

CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The User Choice Budget for 2024-25 is \$17,945,000.

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By the Minister for Skills and Training, Mr Chris Steel MLA