

BRIEFING BACKGROUND

Re: ITA Consultation: Barriers and Gaps in Available Supports for Apprentices and Employers

INTRODUCTION

The Industry Training Authority (ITA) is currently carrying on a public consultation regarding “coaching supports” in the apprenticeship and skills training system.

The following are notes that may be helpful in preparing to participate in the consultation, and result from a discussion at a recent meeting of the Apprenticeship and Skills Training Working Group.

In preparing these notes, we have reviewed the reports of the ITA including those identified by the ITA as research resources, as well as comprehensive research from Australia, which faces similar problems in a similar system of trades training.

BACKGROUND

Prior to the introduction of the ITA, approximately 52 Apprenticeship Counselors were situated in offices throughout the province and played an active role in facilitating employer sponsorship and advice to the parties involved in training. These were eliminated in the new training organization.