

Economics Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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AGENCY/DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY

TOPIC: Industry Skills Fund

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Carr

QUESTION No.: SI-103

1. Are the recently announced Training for Employment Scholarships and Youth Employment Pathways being administered through the \$476 million Industry Skills Fund? If yes, will there be additional funding from the Industry Skills Fund for these programs?
2. In the Administrative Orders, Youth Transition falls within the responsibility of the Department of Education. Has this changed to the Department of Industry? If not, why is the Minister for Industry administering the Youth Employment Pathways program?
3. Have any funds from the Industry Skills Fund been allocated to date?

ANSWER

1. The pilot programmes are new streams of the Industry Skills Fund. Funding for the pilots is \$44 million and this is in addition to the funding already identified for the Industry Skills Fund.
2. There has not been a change to the Administrative Orders. The Administrative Orders set out that the following matters are the portfolio responsibility of the Department of Industry:
 - Skills and vocational education policy regulation and programmes
 - Training, including apprenticeships and training and skills assessment services
3. No. The programme is due to commence in January 2015.