

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-003990

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

PaTH - Insurance protections for participants

Have employer participants in the National Work Experience Program ever identified uncertainty around the insurance protections for participants as a hurdle to supporting the National Work Experience Program?

If so, how are you overcoming this as it potentially affects the operation of PaTH?

Answer

The department is not aware of any employer uncertainty regarding insurance arrangements for the National Work Experience Program.

Job seekers participating in PaTH Internships are covered by insurance purchased by the Department of Employment. It is a requirement that the provider explains the department's insurance policy to the host business.

The department is communicating to businesses that interns are covered by insurance purchased by the Australian Government.