

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-003993

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Relates to previous Employment Question No EMSQ16-001025

Question

PaTH - Outcomes and qualifications

"Does the Government not believe PaTH is the best program available to get young people into work?"

In Questions on Notice (QoN EMSQ16-001025) the Department didn't list any specific qualifications that would be attained by PaTH participants. Will any qualifications be earned?"

Answer

Youth Jobs PaTH will help young people become more competitive in the labour market by giving them the employability skills that employers want, opportunities for work experience and the support to move from welfare to work.

PaTH complements other Australian Government employment programs which are assisting young people, including jobactive, the Transition to Work service, Empowering YOUTH Initiatives and ParentsNext.

The Department identified a preference for each Employability Skills Training Course to include one or more units of competency (as defined on training.gov.au) for which job seekers would receive a Statement of Attainment. Registered Training Organisations will tailor courses to the local labour market and the inclusion of units of competency will vary from course to course.