

## Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

### QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2014-2015

#### Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

Department of Education Question No. ED0287\_15

Senator O'Neill asked on 4 June 2014, Hansard page 18

#### Youth unemployment

*Refers to previous Question No ED0460\_14.*

#### Question

Senator O'NEILL: during the program to attach them, because as you know I am fairly new to the Senate, but I want to get these questions answered throughout the day. I will just foreshadow—and I might have to give you this in writing—this on notice for answers today to some of these questions so you can do a bit before 11 o'clock tonight, if possible. I particularly want to herald right now question 460, when I asked for clarification of the minister's request to you to provide him with information about young Australians transitioning from school to work. When I asked for requests from the minister in relation to policy options for addressing youth unemployment—issues we know now are at the heart of these budget of broken promises—my question was answered with one sentence. This, again, reflects the concerns that I have articulated already. What was in the briefs that were provided? I want the details of the programs addressing youth unemployment that were offered up to the minister and the evidence base for any advice that was given to the minister. The decisions that we see arising in the budget were informed by this process and I want to know who got what, when it was informed by and its connection in consideration to other issues. For example, I asked a question in health the other day. The decision about unemployment benefits being unavailable for people for the first six months of unemployment under age 30, has that been considered? Was any consideration given to that in terms of its impact on that access to a doctor? Because my concern is what advice was proffered and the quality of that. So I want to know about answers to question 460 and other ones that came from me. I might indicate that I will be following this up. Ms Paul: ...We wouldn't normally come back with details of the content of our advice. It sounded like you were asking for that, but you were not here. To me, this is a fair answer to a question. You have now put another range of questions of more detail on notice, so I will take that on notice.

#### Answer

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education requested a brief on youth unemployment which was provided on 11 November 2013. Additional briefs provided to the Parliamentary Secretary are detailed below.

Topic	Date
Youth Connections program	January 2014
School Business Community Partnership Brokers (Partnership Brokers) program	March 2014
Youth Connections and School Business Community Partnership Brokers program	May 2014

All Briefs were cc Minister for Education.

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