

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. ED0338_15

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Question

Education Grant program -Grants and Awards

Senator O'NEILL: Thank you. I just wanted to clarify that. I would like to ask some questions around the grants and awards. Is there an easily accessible list of the grants and awards that come under the education grant program? Mr Cook: We can certainly take that on notice. Ms Paul: I think we will have to take that on notice, probably. Senator O'NEILL: Yes. I have been looking around through many documents, and I could not easily access a list. Ms Paul: Yes, I think it has not really been a program; it has been a number of different grants programs. So that is probably why we should take that on notice and give you the list. Senator O'NEILL: There is a fairly substantial amount of money that has been involved in it. But I noticed that \$59.7 million savings are going to be going on over the years in the forward estimates. I was hoping you actually might be able to tell me the grants and awards that are going to be able to be cut by \$59.7 million. Mr Cook: There will not be cuts in some cases; they will be terminating programs. In one case, for example, money was going to, I think, the Rock Eisteddfod. The Rock Eisteddfod has indicated it is no longer continuing. So, it made the decision that it would stop, and therefore there is no requirement for us to fund that program. Ms Paul: So we can give you the breakdown. We would need to take it on notice. We can give you what the componentry is. So all the funding that is part of that saving is not committed funding, so it is not funding that everyone has received. And, as Mr Cook said, some of it represented terminating programs as well. But it probably is easiest to spell that out for you on notice, if that works for you. Senator MCKENZIE: On terminating funding, the example you used was that Rock Eisteddfod decided. So, you did not mean 'terminating funding' in the traditional way. Senator O'NEILL: Yes, that is what my next question was. Of that list, could you indicate which ones are self-selecting for termination? Ms Paul: Sure.

Answer

The Education Grant Programmes – Reduced Funding measure was published in the 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS). The measure provided savings of \$59.7 million from the following programmes:

Programme	2013-14 (\$ million)	2014-15 (\$ million)	2015-16 (\$ million)	2016-17 (\$ million)	2017-18 (\$ million)	TOTAL (\$ million)	Status Prior to 2014-15 Budget Measures	Self-Selecting for Termination
2.3 Schools Support - Community Festivals	-0.700	-0.700	-0.700	-0.700	-0.700	-3.500	Ongoing	Yes
2.3 Schools Support - Creative Young Stars	-2.984	-3.725	0.000	0.000	0.000	-6.709	Terminating 30 June 2015	No
2.3 Schools Support - Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships	0.000	-1.200	-0.600	-0.600	-0.600	-3.000	Ongoing	No
2.3 Schools Support - Maths and Science Participation	0.000	0.000	-0.200	0.000	0.000	-0.200	Terminating 30 June 2016	No
2.3 Schools Support - National Action Plan on Literacy and Numeracy	-0.156	-0.500	-0.500	-0.500	-0.500	-2.156	Ongoing	No
2.3 Schools Support - Safer Schools Coalition	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-2.000	-2.000	Ongoing	No
2.3 Schools Support - School Education Reforms Implementation - Education	0.000	-0.898	-0.598	-0.299	0.000	-1.795	Terminating 30 June 2017	No
2.3 Schools Support - School Education Reforms Implementation - Education Services Australia	-1.000	-4.990	-1.496	0.000	0.000	-7.486	Terminating 30 June 2016	No
2.3 Schools Support - Student Resilience and Wellbeing	0.000	-1.153	-5.835	-6.118	-6.245	-19.351	Ongoing	No
2.3 Schools Support - Teach Next	-0.089	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.089	Terminating 30 June 2014	No
2.5 Digital Education - Digital Education Revolution Project Pool	-3.775	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-3.775	Terminating 30 June 2014	No
2.6 More Support for Students with Disabilities - Students with Disabilities (COPE)	0.000	0.000	-2.032	-0.570	0.000	-2.602	Terminating 30 June 2017	No
2.7 Youth Support - Youth Engagement	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	-0.500	-0.500	Ongoing	No
3.3 Higher Education Support - Higher Education Quality Initiative, Enhancing the Training of Mathematics and Science Teachers ¹	0.000	0.000	0.000	-2.172	-4.406	-6.578	Ongoing	No
TOTAL	-8.704	-13.166	-11.961	-10.959	-14.951	-59.741		

1. Includes \$0.233 million in departmental savings, \$0.077 million in 2016-17 and \$0.156 million in 2017-18.