

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EM0768_15

Senator Collins provided in writing.

Question

Building Australia's Future Workforce

The Coalition Government announced as part of the 2014-15 Budget that BAFW - Evaluation would be ceased, 1 year earlier than planned at a saving of \$2 million. - Did the Government consult the Department prior to deciding to scrap BAFW Evaluation one year earlier than planned? - What consultation/analysis did the Department undertake before deciding to scrap BAFW? - What data did the Government rely upon in deciding not to proceed with BAFW Evaluation for the year remaining? The Government has said that the savings of \$2 million would be redirected by the Government to repair the Budget and fund policy priorities - Where will the savings be directed to? - To what policy priorities will the funds go? How will the Government/Department now evaluate the BAFW program?

Answer

The decision was made as part of the Budget process. Current evaluations are being finalised to form the final report.