

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000634

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 21 October 2015, Proof Hansard page 40

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ15-000267

Functional Efficiency Review (EDSQ15-000267)

Question

Unfortunately, the answer to QON EDSQ15-000267 actually has not helped clarify those matters about which I asked questions.

Ms Paul: In what way? We have actually broken down programs to cease, programs to be redesigned, the skills council et cetera.

Senator O'NEILL: Yes. Descriptions like that—programs or elements of programs to cease, programs to be designed and departmental—are too vague for me to actually understand what was going on and give an indication of the impact on the individual programs and their functions. So could I ask you to take on notice to provide the specific answers that I am seeking.

Ms Paul: I see—so individual programs?

Senator O'NEILL: Yes, and, if you could, please provide a breakdown of this measure, showing the precise programs or elements of programs that will cease, the exact programs that will be redesigned, how that will be done, precisely what functions and activities will be impacted by departmental savings and how these savings will be made, the reduction in funding for each individual program and activity by financial year, the date funding reductions will start or programs and activities will cease, and where there will be a reduction in FTE staff in the department or in any funded organisation as a result of the cuts, what the reduction will be and how many people will be impacted in each of those organisations.

Ms Paul: Obviously we will have to take that on notice.

Senator O'NEILL: And have there been or will there be any redundancies as a result of these changes? How many, in which organisations and voluntary or forced?

Answer

A detailed breakdown of the measure 'Smaller Government – Education and Training' as outlined on page 79 of 2015-16 Budget – Budget Paper No 2 is at Attachment A.

The departmental savings relate solely to the Department of Education and Training. Information on the number of redundancies as a result of this measure is not available as staffing levels are managed at a whole of department level.