

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Schools and Youth**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000835**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing.

***Closure of Australian Youth Affairs***

**Question**

Senator Scott Ryan has said:

“This government does not believe that a single peak body is necessary for it to hear the views of Australian youth, nor that a single peak body is capable of representing the diverse interests, experiences and background of young Australians.”

And

"The government is currently developing plans to consult with young Australians using a more focused and targeted approach."

Source: see attached media article

What plans has the Government developed to consult with young Australians using a more focused and targeted approach?

**Answer**

The Australian Government consults with young Australians regularly about specific programmes and targets these consultations to ensure programmes are meeting young people's needs.