

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000885

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing.

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ15-000267

Functional Efficiency Review (also refer to previous QoN SQ15-000267)

Question

In relation to the 'Smaller Government – Education and Training Portfolio' measure on p79 pf Budget Paper 2.

At Budget Estimates the Department said it would provide more detail about exactly what programs were impacted by this measure and how:

Mr Cook: There are quite a number of these, which is why we have to take it on notice for you. I think there might be some amounts where redesign is going to be a saving of \$20,000 or \$30,000 of the \$115 million. To give you the accurate information, it would be good if I could take that on notice so we could give you the detail around that.

QON SQ15-000267 hasn't helped to clarify matters. Descriptions like 'Programs (or elements of programs) to cease', 'Programs to be redesigned' and 'Departmental' are too vague to give an indication of the impact on individual programs and functions. Please provide a more granular breakdown of this measure showing:

- a. The precise programs (or elements of programs) that will cease?
- b. The exact programs that will be 'redesigned' and how that will be done?
- c. Precisely what functions and activities will be impacted by "Departmental" savings, and how these savings will be made?
- d. The reduction in funding for each individual program and activity, by financial year.
- e. The date funding reductions will start or programs/activities will cease.
- f. Where there will be a reduction in FTE staff in the Department or in any funded organisations as a result of these cuts, what that education will be and how many people will be impacted in each organisations.
- g. Has there been/will there be any redundancies as a result of any of the changes? How many? In which organisations?

Answer

Please see response to SQ15-000634.