

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2003-2004 ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.4 – Assistance for Transition through and from School

DEST Question No. E927_04

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

Could the Department explain how the transitional programmes differ in the level of assistance and support provided?

Answer:

Transitional programmes

Please refer to the guidelines for additional details, as provided in answers to QoN E923_04.

Jobs Pathway Programme

Jobs Pathway Programme (JPP) is targeted to 14 to 19 year olds most at risk of not making a smooth transition. JPP providers undertake an assessment of the needs of each participant and provide follow-up assistance and ongoing support tailored to the needs identified at the assessment.

Partnership Outreach Education Model Pilots

Partnership Outreach Education Model (POEM) pilot projects offer an intensive and full time education and support programme for young people aged 13 – 19 who are disconnected from mainstream learning. The projects help participants to develop their education levels, life skills and employability skills in supportive community based learning environments. Individual and flexible responses are designed to help young people achieve accredited learning outcomes, develop their skills and overcome personal issues so that they have every chance of a successful outcome including to mainstream learning, training, work or another programme appropriate to their needs.

Career and Transitions Pilots

The Career and Transitions (CATS) Pilots test and evaluate innovative ways of improving the quality of career information and advice to all young people aged 13 - 19 including students, those who have left school, and their families. The pilots enhance and build upon existing career and transition services in local communities. Career and Transitions Advisors assist young people to explore career options and to develop a range of pathways to achieve their goals.

Enterprise & Career Education Programme

The Enterprise and Career Education Programme (ECEP) provides funding to support strategic enterprise and career initiatives such as enterprise education action research and the development and production of career professional development, resources and products.

Industry Engagement Projects Programme

The Industry Engagement Projects provide funding to support strategic initiatives to establish effective partnerships between industry, businesses, schools and communities to create diversity of learning experiences for young people and to assist young people to develop the skills, attitudes and attributes to make smooth transitions through and from school to work and/or further education and training.

Structured Workplace Learning programme

The Structured Workplace Learning programme is focussed at a local level through Local Community Partnerships. These partnerships bring together schools, employers and community groups to work together to provide students in Years 11 and 12 with opportunities in workplaces to assist them to make educational and vocational choices.

Structured Workplace Learning is a component of a VET in Schools that is situated within a workplace. Senior High School students throughout Australia are offered competency-based structured learning in work placements. Businesses provide on-the-job training and mentoring to develop both the technical and generic employability skills. The skills are assessed, usually following the work placement, by a Registered Training Organisation and the VET qualifications are recognised nationally by industry and education systems.