

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

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

Outcome: 1

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

DEST Question No. E931_04

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question:

1. Could the Department provide a list of all employment, education and training programs and any transitional support programs targeted to youth aged 15 to 19 year olds and the forward estimates for each of these programs?
2. Could the Department provide an update on each of the programs and explain how it operates in relation to the type of assistance provide to the target group?
3. Will there be funding continuing to these programs beyond 2004/2005? If not please outline the reasons why the programs will no longer be funded?
4. How many participants have gone through each program since its commencement? (Take on notice if necessary.)
5. Can the Department provide an itemised breakdown of where the funding has gone eg: advertising costs, Centrelink staff, external service providers or organisations etc?
6. What has been the progress of each program, including any employment outcomes (full time, part time and casual employment outcomes) by gender, equity, age and target group? (Take on notice if necessary.)

Answer:

Employment, education and training programs

1. No, not on a "Whole of Government" basis. However, QONs E923_04 and E926_04 detail the list of available DEST transition and support programmes and their forward estimate provision. Likewise, QON 924_04 provides an update on the Jobs Pathway Programme, how it operates in relation to the assistance provided, and that Programme's forward estimate provision. The 'Stepping Forward - Sharing What Works' website contains further information at <http://www.mceetya.edu.au/stepping/index.htm> on transition and support programmes and services across the Australian and State and Territory Governments.
2. An update on the DEST transition programme suite is provided in the answer to QONs 927_04 and 923_04, and the response to QON 926_04 provides information on those programme's guidelines.
3. Yes. The Career's and Transition pilots (CATs) and the Partnership Outreach Education Model (POEMs) pilots are currently funded until the end of 2004.
4. The response to question 928 provides relevant programme participation data.
5. & 6. No. Funding is allocated to external service providers for activities described in the relevant programme guidelines. In general, financial reporting against all of the items

sought is not required from service providers. The response to QON 928_04 provides related outcomes data.