

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
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Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Nash provided in writing.

Question

\$42 MILLION FOR NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Under the Partnership, the Commonwealth will also be providing \$42 million for national career development initiatives. There doesn't seem to be any progress made on this programme. What initiatives have been funded since 1 January 2010, and at what cost for each initiative?

Answer

- Under the Youth Attainment and Transitions National Partnership Agreement (the "YAT NP") the Australian Government is providing \$47 million from 2009-2014 for national career development initiatives administered by the Australian Government. The purpose of this funding is twofold: to provide resources that it makes sense to do at a national level and to develop a strategic approach to career development.
- Since 2010 the Australian Government has provided funding out of this \$47 million for a range of career development initiatives and resources delivered nationally (listed in **Table 1** below).

The National Career Development Strategy Research Project

- The Australian Government (through DEEWR), in collaboration with jurisdictions, is undertaking a Research Project to develop a National Career Development Strategy that will deliver advice to government on how to provide improved and strategic career development support to all young Australians (aged 5-24 years).
- DEEWR is currently conducting a four-stage research project which will deliver a series of reports in 2011 which will advise on the following:
 1. national and international best practice in career development and analysis of the range and effectiveness of existing Australian Government and state career development programs;
 2. the career needs and wants of young people from the ages of 5-24, their parents, career practitioners, teachers and employers;
 3. recommendations for improvements to career development nationally and options for a national strategy for career development support for young people; and
 4. a cost-benefit analysis showing the advantages and disadvantages to the Australian economy of adopting a particular approach to career

development support for all young Australians.

Table 1:

Initiative	Provider name	2010/11 funding (GST exclusive)	Contract Period	Total funding for Contract Period (GST exclusive)
Job Guide	Blue Star Print Group	\$1,293,202		\$5,700,000
	Hobsons Australia	\$606,798	2011-2013	
<i>myfuture</i>	Education Services Australia (ESA)	\$1,318,856	21 June 2005-30 June 2011	\$6,917,584
Careers Industry Council of Australia (CICA)	Career Industry Council of Australia (CICA)	\$966,250	July 2008-June 2011	\$1,536,250
Scholarships and Awards	Education Services Australia (ESA)	\$762,540	June 2010-July 2011	\$762,540
Australian Youth Mentoring Network	Youth Mentoring Network – Smith Family	\$200,000	October 2009-June 2012	\$600,000
Australian Vocational Student Prize	Awards provided to students	\$1,040,000	July 2008-June 2012	\$4,160,000
Career Information Products	Various through Blue Star Print Group and Miles Morgan	\$421,322	Nov 2010 – June 2011	\$82,450
TOTAL		\$6,608,968		\$19,758,824