

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2013-2014**

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Senator O'Neill asked on 26 February 2014, Hansard page 113

Question

Youth unemployment - advice provided

Senator O'NEILL: Have there been any requests from the minister in relation to other policy options for addressing youth unemployment? Ms Paul: Did you say requests from the minister? Senator O'NEILL: Yes. Ms Paul: I do not know if we have been offered advice on youth unemployment. We would have to take that on notice. We may have already covered some of those issues in one way or another but we would not know that here. Senator O'NEILL: Has the minister requested you to provide him with information about young Australians' transition from school to work? Ms Paul: It would be fair to say we have not received a request from the minister. It is largely the parliamentary secretary who is concerned with these programs. So to be completely comprehensive, I do not think we have received a request from the parliamentary secretary either but we will take that on notice. Senator O'NEILL: Given the concern, even in the last couple of weeks, about the level of youth unemployment and recent reports from key social agencies and not-for-profits I would hope that there would be many requests from the minister for up-to-date information about how this project and other projects are going, which might be part of a suite of responses. Ms Paul: We have taken on notice to get back to you about whether we have provided advice in this general area.

Answer

The Minister for Education has not requested a brief on youth unemployment or transitions from school to work. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education did request a brief on youth unemployment. The brief was provided on 11 November 2013.