Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2013-2014

Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth

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Question

Youth programs - notification of cancellation

Senator O'NEILL: Okay. I am sincerely hoping that funding for youth programs might be one of the carve outs. Under the contracts with Youth Connections providers, how much notification for a program's cancellation is required? Mr Hehir: I would need to take that on notice. Senator O'NEILL: How long would it take you to find that out for us? Mr Hehir: Given the contract was made for one year only, there is no notice period required. If there is a notice period within it, it would normally be three months, but I will check that.

Answer

The department can terminate a contract with providers at any given time by written notice. If a contract is terminated, the department will only be liable for payments that were due before the date of termination and for any reasonable costs directly attributable to the termination of the contract.