

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000230

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing.

Studies into Youth Unemployment

Question

Has the Department conducted or commissioned – or is the Department aware of – any studies into the most effective ways to address youth unemployment and improve transitions? Can the Department provide a list of these studies? And if they have been commissioned or conducted by the Department, can the Department provide a copy of the study?

Answer

The department commissioned a report by Professor Richard Sweet, of Sweet Group Pty Ltd, to investigate the ways in which OECD countries support unemployed and inactive youth. The report was commissioned by the previous government, completed in November 2012 and can be found at [Attachment A](#).

The department is aware of a number of other publications in this field – below is a select list:

- the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Labour Force report, published monthly
- a Brotherhood of St Laurence newsletter, 'Youth Unemployment Monitor', published at regular intervals throughout the year
- the Foundation for Young Australians' 'How young people are faring' report, published annually
- a McKinsey Center for Government report 'Education to Employment: Getting Europe's Youth into Work' published in January 2014
- the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry's report, 'Learning to Work – A Helping Hand for Young Australians', published in April 2014.