

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

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2010-2011**

Outcome 2 - Schools

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Senator Abetz asked on 20/10/2010, Hansard page 120.

Question

STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT PLACES OFFERED FOR INSULATION WORKERS

Senator ABETZ—Of the structural adjustment places offered for insulation workers, how many were taken up? Ms Paul—We have had pretty good take-up on the insulation places. I might have that with me, otherwise I will take it on notice. The last report I had was that they had been taken up to quite a high extent. I have got information here on the scheme but not on take-up, so I will need to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ—All right. With the jobs compact, I understand the New South Wales and Queensland state governments need to provide what their activities are involving the compact with young Australians. Ms Paul—Not that I am aware of. I will need to check that out. I am not quite sure what the question is. Senator ABETZ—The suggestion is that there was a compact with young Australians, and New South Wales and Queensland are allegedly dragging the chain. Ms Paul—Not that I am aware of. We seem to have had good cooperation across the board, but let me check that out for you. They all came on board under the auspices of a COAG agreement, actually. The only thing I can think of there is that each state is required to guarantee a place for young people of a certain age in education, whether that be to finish school or in a TAFE setting. But every state signed up to that through the IGA. I have had no information that would suggest that it is not working. If there is something in a particular state, which could be a particular instance—but I do not think we have any problems globally. Senator ABETZ—Do they have to report their activities? Ms Paul—They would need to do so, yes. Senator ABETZ—And I think that is what it is claimed Queensland and New South Wales have not— Ms Paul—Been dragging the chain—not that I have heard but I will check it out. Senator ABETZ—Take it on notice.

Answer

New South Wales and Queensland have certified their implementation of the National Youth Participation Requirement and the entitlement to an education or training place under the Compact with Young Australians. Information about state activities was uploaded to the DEEWR website at 2:15pm on 15/10/2010 and 10:30am on 20/10/2010 for New South Wales and Queensland respectively.