

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000267

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 24

Functional efficiency review

Question

Senator O'NEILL: Can we go through it now that we have got a bit of an overview? Let's go through it clearly. We have got \$131 million. Then you have mentioned \$115 million.

Mr Cook: \$115 million is as a result of the functional efficiency review that is done by an independent reviewer—that is correct.

Senator O'NEILL: And then we are breaking it down a little further from there.

Mr Griew: I was just pointing out there was some departmental but most of it was administered.

Senator O'NEILL: That is all the information you can give me?

Mr Cook: Happy to take that on notice. Some of that is about rationalisation of existing programs. Some of that was actually redesign. In BP 2 it talks about redesigning programs such as the Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowships program and things like that. What the functional efficiency review did was look at some of the cases where there might be duplications—for example, across Commonwealth, states and territories—and make some recommendations to government around that, which might have resulted in some shaving off of some particular programs. There are quite a number of these, which is why we have to take it on notice for you. I think there might be some amounts where redesign is going to be a saving of \$20,000 or \$30,000 of the \$115 million. To give you the accurate information, it would be good if I could take that on notice so we could give you the detail around that.

Answer

Please see the table below for the breakdown of the measure 'Smaller Government- Education and Training as outlined on page 79 of 2015-16 Budget – Budget Paper No.2 – 2015-16.

Smaller Government - Education and Training Portfolio	2014-2015 \$millions	2015-2016 \$millions	2016-2017 \$millions	2017-2018 \$millions	2018-2019 \$millions	TOTAL \$millions
Programmes (or elements of programmes) to cease	0.0	-19.9	-8.5	-10.4	-24.4	-63.1
Programmes to be redesigned	0.0	-10.9	-13.7	-17.5	-16.7	-58.7
Net impact of establishing the Australian Industry and Skills Council	-0.8	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-1.6
Departmental	0.0	-0.9	-1.6	-2.2	-2.8	-7.6
TOTAL	-0.8	-31.9	-24.0	-30.4	-44.1	-131.0