

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000271

Senator O'Neill, Deborah asked on 04 June 2015, Proof Hansard page 25

Funding cuts to programs

Question

Mr Cook: Sure. The record is page 79 of BP 2. Redesign of programs such as the Industry Workforce Training Program, Promotion of Excellence in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education Program, the Endeavour Language Teacher Fellowship program, the National Workforce Development Fund and competitive tender for the further development and support of the My School website will also be conducted. Then it talks about savings of \$1.6 million by replacing seven vocational education and training governance bodies with the Australian Industry Skills Council, which I think has been announced by the government before. It includes the Data and Performance Measurement Principal Committee; the Workforce Development, Supply and Demand Principal Committee; and the five bodies identified in MYEFO for abolition. Then it talks about other committees which are concluding later in 2015, including the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Higher Education Advisory Council. It talks about TEMAG, which has already ceased; the National Partnership Implementation Working Group and the Online Assessment Committee. Other aspects of that would be streamlining of the efficiencies within the department, which is what Mr Griew indicated—about \$7 million, we understand, of departmental efficiencies as well.

Senator O'NEILL: That is a lot of loss for the department. In line with that, any further detail you could provide on notice would be appreciated

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