

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

Outcome: Skills and Training

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000989

Senator Cameron, Doug provided in writing.

Skills for Education and Employment Program (Savings)

Question

Budget Paper 2 states the government will achieve savings of \$112.4 million over five years from 2017-18. Please detail the efficiencies that have been identified by the government, including the cost savings for each efficiency measure?

Answer

The savings for the Skills for Education and Employment Program will come into effect from 1 July 2018 and will be achieved by:

- reducing the maximum number of hours per participant from 800 to 650 hours, while grandfathering hours for current participants to the program
- reducing the number of clients commencing in the program by 20,650 for the period 2018–19 to 2021–22.

The ACIL Allen 2015 evaluation of the SEE program identified 500 hours of training as a reasonable time in which to expect to see language, literacy and numeracy outcomes associated with the program.