

## **Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment**

### **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Budget Estimates 2017 - 2018**

#### **Outcome 1 - Employment**

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004087**

**Senator Siewart asked on 29 May 2017 on proof Hansard page 79**

#### **Question**

##### **Internship providers**

Senator SIEWERT: The only other thing on PaTH, and it is a question that needs to be taken on notice, is the names of the employers—I assume you cannot tell us those?

Ms Leon: I can tell you the activities that interns have been doing to date.

Senator SIEWERT: And maybe tell us whether they are big employers or small employers.

Ms Leon: I will have to take that on notice.

#### **Answer**

The Department does not have agreement from each individual business to share their information publicly. Details of host businesses by industry is available at EMSQ17-004236.

In addition, the Department does not request information on the size of businesses hosting internship opportunities. However a business must have a reasonable prospect of employment to be eligible to host an internship regardless of their size. In developing the PaTH Internship program, departmental research suggests that in general, small to medium enterprises (those with fewer than 200 employees) make up the majority of employing businesses (99%).