

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

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

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

**Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ17-004234**

**Senator Kakoschke-Moore provided in writing.**

#### **Question**

##### **Internships - SMES**

- What proportion of the internships offered to date have involved SMEs with a turnover of under \$10m per annum?

#### **Answer**

The Department does not identify the size of businesses or their annual turnover when advertising internship opportunities and hosting interns in their business. However, the business is required to have a reasonable prospect of employment to be eligible to host an internship.

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%).