

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Youth Jobs PaTH - funds for incidental costs

The NYCI found Irish interns struggled to cover the extra costs of travel and child care, even with a small bonus on top of welfare. Are there extra funds available for participants that my struggle with that while engaging with PaTH?

Answer

Employment Services Providers will be expected to continue to support young job seekers with goods and services during and after participating in the Youth Jobs PaTH. This can include help to pay for:

- transport to and from the internship,
- clothing and equipment,
- work-related licencing,
- accredited training,
- activity costs such as police checks, risk assessments and supervision, and
- post-placement support where there are issues that are likely to have an impact on the young person's ability to sustain their internship.

Young parents may be eligible for child care fee assistance through the Jobs Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance.