Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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Outcome 1 - Employment

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Senator Marshall provided in writing.

Question

Youth Jobs PaTH - company engagement

Will the Government prioritise engaging companies that show a high rate of progression for interns into the workforce?

Answer

The Department has an employer mobilisation strategy that will include working with employers to promote and encourage use of the PaTH internships program. The employer mobilisation strategy will also assist employers with the use of the PaTH internships program.

Employers will be able to participate in the PaTH internships program if they can demonstrate a reasonable prospect of employment for the job seeker following an internship. Employment services providers and the Department will have information on the rates of conversion from an internship to employment to inform internship placements and as part of monitoring appropriate use.