

# Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

## QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

### Outcome 1 - Employment

Department of Employment Question No. EMSQ16-001033

Senator Marshall provided in writing.

#### Question

##### Youth Jobs PaTH - Budget

- What is the total cost of the Youth PaTH program – before any offsets or associated budget savings?
- What programs has the Government reduced funding for in order to offset this spending? Please detail the individual amounts from each program.
- What is the total value of the offset the Turnbull Government has identified?
- Can you please explain how the numbers detailed on p.85 of Budget Paper 2 for 2016-17 actually relate to one another? The document refers to this as a \$751.7 million program but only details a \$249.5 million spend in the budget table and also mentions a \$204.2 offset – how do these numbers reconcile?

#### Answer

The total cost of the Youth Jobs PaTH program is \$751.7 million over four years, consisting of:

- \$453.4 million – Prepare and Trial
- \$298.3 million – Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy

The Youth Bonus Wage Subsidy component was met from within the existing Wage Subsidies Pool. The balance of \$453.4 million was partially offset by savings of \$204.2 million from the Wage Subsidies Pool as referenced at page 85 of the 2016–17 Budget Paper 2, resulting in a net spend of \$249.5 million as reflected in the measure table.