

ECONOMY, ENERGY AND FAIR WORK COMMITTEE

DRAFT BUDGET 2019-20

SUPPLEMENTARY EVIDENCE FROM: Skills Development Scotland

How much budget is in the Employability Fund? Is this an increase or decrease on previous years?

Below is further information on Employability Fund spend from 2013/14 to 2018/19, including the number of starts or targeted number of starts. You can also find further statistics on the Employability Fund on our [website here](#)

Employability Fund - SDS		
Financial Year	Spend 000's	Starts
2013/14	£27,857	17,370
2014/15	£33,527	17,339
2015/16	£33,890	17,321
2016/17	£23,445	11,717
2017/18	£18,945	9,073
2018/19 budget and target	£18,850	9,000

The Skills Development Scotland budget for the Employability Fund reflects both the Scottish Government performance targets and the level of ring-fenced Scottish Government funding provided to support the Employability Fund.

Have local authority contributions increased or decreased? You explained that this would vary between local authorities.

We understand this question to refer to the direct contribution made by the Local Authorities themselves, (rather than the contracted spend by SDS in each area), therefore this would not be for us to answer.