

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2014 - 2015**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000148

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing.

Previous Question Nos. ED0410_15 and ED0696_15

Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme

Question

"You say (ED0410_15 and 0696_15) that there will be no approval process for the scholarship schemes developed by individual providers. Yet the schemes will have to be compliant with the guidelines you're working on. This will be a condition of CGS funding – can you confirm that?

How will the department ascertain whether any scheme is compliant? "

Answer

Participation in the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme (the scheme) will be a condition of the Commonwealth Grant Scheme (CGS). The department anticipates handling matters relating to compliance with the scheme in the CGS guidelines, a legislative instrument. Compliance with the scheme will be monitored through a single equity report, which providers must submit to the department each year.