

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016**

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000001

Senator Simms, Robert provided in writing

University Staff/student ratio

Question

The Department recently reported a 3.1% increase in student numbers for the first half of 2015 when compared to the same time period in 2014. It was also reported that there was only a 0.8% increase in the number of FTE staff positions in 2015 when compared to 2014. This indicates that staffing is not keeping up with increased student loads. Has the department investigated whether this increasing workload will result in staff working more overtime hours?

Answer

No. Staffing conditions are a matter for universities. The department's staff data collection does not include overtime hours.