

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

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

Outcome: Schools and Youth

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000034

Senator McKim, Nick asked on 10 February 2016, Proof Hansard page 43

STEM instead of STEAM

Question

Senator McKIM: I understand this was a decision for the council, but are you able to give a quick precis of why the decision was made to go with STEM and not STEAM?

Mr Cook: That is a very good question. I might take that on notice. I think it was back in June. I cannot remember the conversation that was held at council at that time, but I am happy to take it on notice.

Senator McKIM: Okay.

Answer

The National Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) School Education Strategy 2016-2026, agreed by all ministers in December 2015, is available on the Education Council website: www.ec.edu.au.

Details of Education Council's internal deliberations prior to endorsing that strategy are not publicly available.