

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

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

**Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Shared Services Centre**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000289**

Senator Lines, Sue provided in writing

***Indoor plants - CN3316521 and CN3316528***

**Question**

In relation to contract CN3316521 for the hire of indoor plants, notified on Austender on 21 January 2016, and valued at \$378,000:

CN ID	CN3316521
Agency	Department of Education and Training
Publish Date	21-Jan-2016
Contract Period	21-Jan-2016 to 30-Nov-2018
Contract Value	\$378,000.00
ATM ID	1000038503
Supplier Name	INSTYLE INDOOR PLANT HIRE

- (a) Will this result in more, or less, indoor plants across the Department?
- (b) Does this seem like a reasonable expenditure for the Department at a time when it is cutting funding for schools and universities?
- (c) Was the Minister or his office advised of this procurement prior to the tender being awarded?
- (d) Did the Minister or his office at any stage advise or direct the Department about how much it could spend on indoor plants?

**Answer**

- a) Under the new contract the number of indoor plants remains the same.
- b) Funding for schools and universities is at record levels. Funding for both has continued to increase year on year.
- c) No
- d) No