Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ16-000380

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

Delay in the responses to Questions on Notice

Question

Can the Department explain the delay in the responses to Questions on Notice submitted following Additional Estimates in October last year?

When were the draft answers to Questions on Notice sent to the Minister's office by the Department?

Answer

The department looks carefully at each question on notice and makes sure that all questions are appropriately answered.

Pursuant to standing order 166, relating to Senate Continuing Order No. 299 – Estimates Hearings: Unanswered Questions on Notice, a letter was provided to the President of the Senate on 28 January 2016 that included the dates the answers to the questions on notice were provided to the Minister's office. An extract from that letter is set out below.

Date provided to office	No. of QoNs
17 November 2015	94
18 November 2015	87
19 November 2015	33
20 November 2015	25
23 November 2015	5
24 November 2015	7
25 November 2015	15
26 November 2015	23
27 November 2015	15
30 November 2015	11

Date provided to office	No. of QoNs
1 December 2015	1
2 December 2015	1
8 December 2015	3
9 December 2015	5
11 December 2015	4
15 December 2015	23
16 December 2015	8
17 December 2015	2
19 January 2016	1
21 January 2016	11

All questions on notice were tabled prior to the 10 February 2016 Additional Estimates hearing.