

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE Additional Estimates 2015 - 2016

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. SQ16-000388

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Existing Resources Program

Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:

1. How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?
2. List each
3. List the staffing assigned to each task
4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?
5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

Answer

The department manages its resources flexibly to meet the Government's priorities. The Government has provided additional resources as set out in the relevant budget papers, which lists the financial impact of new measures. Where no additional resources are provided, the department implements new policies and priorities within existing resources. To collect the information on staffing and other resources assigned to each of these programs and policies would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.