

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Senator Carr, asked on 01 March 2017, Proof Hansard page 59

EIF transfer of funds to NDIS

Question

Senator KIM CARR: Is it your understanding that any other clause—and I mentioned 138 but 148 might be, for instance—within the current act allows for the transfer of education and investment funds to the Disability Care Australia Fund special account?

Mr Learmonth: Again, we would defer to the Department of Finance.

Senator KIM CARR: I understand that. I have already asked the Department of Finance, as you would expect I would. I would like to know what your understanding is.

Mr Learmonth: It is not something that I have had to deal with so, again, I will—

Senator KIM CARR: Will you take that on notice?

Mr Learmonth: I will take that on notice.

Senator Birmingham: We can take it on notice but, as you would appreciate, the administrative orders usually stipulate a department being responsible for an act and in this case the Department of Finance is the responsible department.

Answer

Questions relating to the Education Investment Fund should be referred to the Department of Finance.