

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Additional Estimates 2016 - 2017**

**Outcome: Higher Education Research and International**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ17-000308**

Senator Collins, Jacinta provided in writing.

***Higher Education Expert Panel***

**Question**

In the panel's terms of reference [SQ16-000880], it says that the panel will finish its work in December. Can the Department advise why the panel has not completed its work?

**Answer**

The panel members' terms of appointment were extended in December 2016 in order to allow for the panel to continue its role in informing the Australian Government on the development of the final higher education reform package.