

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. SQ17-000394

Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah provided in writing.

APA and APAI contracts

Question

Would the Department be concerned if prospective postgraduate students were being asked to sign APA and APAI contracts with individual universities that contain IP clauses assigning the copyright and moral rights to the university or commercial partner? If this is the case should students have the right or opportunity to negotiate the ownership of IP they create over the duration of their studies?

Answer

See answer to SQ17-000391 – both programs have ceased.

Universities are autonomous institutions and as such it is a matter for universities to determine the specific Intellectual Property arrangements they put in place for projects in negotiation with students and other potential research partners such as industry.