

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015**

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International

Department of Education Question No. ED0043_15

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Regional Links

Is the Department responsible for administered funding under Regional Links? If so what is the funding profile over forward estimates? And what activities have been funded in 2013 and 2014 under this program (include organisations through which funding is delivered and funding amounts)?

Answer

- a) Yes.
- b) The estimated funding profile for the Regional Links Programme over the forward estimates is:
 - 2014–15: \$0.8 million
 - 2015–16: \$0.8 million
 - 2016–17: \$0.8 million
 - 2017–18: \$0.8 million.
- c) See Attachment A.

Attachment A

2013–14 Regional Links Programme Projects

Country / region	Project	Total funding (ex-GST)	External organisation
Asia-Pacific	Services for student leadership in international cooperation project	\$10 000	Group of Eight
China	Extension of the China-Australia Executive Leadership Program	\$100 000	Universities Australia
China	Australia-China Science Academies symposium series	\$100 000	Australian Academy of Science
Republic of Korea	Support for the East Asia Summit Technical and Vocational Education and Training Provider Network.	\$60 000	Universiti Tun Hussein Onn, Malaysia
Republic of Korea	Australia-Korea joint research project and symposium	\$50 000	University of New South Wales
Japan	Australia-Japan research exchange – Japan Society for the Promotion of Science engagement	\$200 000	Australian Academy of Science
Indonesia	Regional workshop on Australian student mobility opportunities	\$30 000	Funds administered by department personnel at post for costs associated with workshop.
Indonesia	Universities executive leadership programme	\$40 000	Universities Australia
India	Support the East Asia Summit regional interoperability of national qualification frameworks project	\$3 600	Funds administered by department personnel at post for costs associated with Summit.
Malaysia	Enhancing Australian student mobility to Malaysia forum	\$50 000	Funds administered by department personnel at post for costs associated with the forum.
Thailand	Strengthening structural frameworks - The Thailand Qualifications Framework	\$16 000	University of Technology Sydney
Thailand	Building Thai university research capacity through collaboration	\$21 000	University of Western Australia and the Group of Eight

Country / region	Project	Total funding (ex-GST)	External organisation
Thailand	Emerging researchers' leaders program	\$85 000	Griffith University, James Cook University, Flinders University, Murdoch University, Charles Darwin University, La Trobe University, University of Newcastle, and a number of Thailand research universities
United States	United States Summer Program	\$181 500	Australian Academy of Science
United States	Australia-United States research collaboration project with the Air Force Office of Scientific Research	\$99 000	Australian Academy of Science
Multilateral	Australia-Africa universities network: developing institutional research partnerships	\$50 000	Australia-Africa Universities Network
Multilateral	Supporting Australia-Africa university relationships – International Africa Forum 2013-14	\$50 000	Australia-Africa Universities Network
Multilateral	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation: university association cross-border education cooperation workshop	\$70 000	The University of Adelaide (\$9437)
Multilateral	Cross-border education data gathering and dissemination technical assistance (for APEC economies)	\$110 000	Nathan Associate Inc.
Multilateral	Asia-Pacific region and international education report	\$40 000	Centre for International Economics
Multilateral	Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO) Engagement	\$30 000	SEAMEO
Multilateral	Support for Laos PDR to host the Second East Asia Summit Education Ministers' Meeting	\$20 000	Lao Ministry for Education and Sports
	Total funding	\$1,416,100*	

* In 2013-14, additional funds were made available for Regional Links projects using unspent funds that were available within Programme 3.7.