

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Budget Estimates 2014-2015

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Research & International

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Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

Regional Links

Why is there a decline in regional links activities from 26 to 12 as outlined in the portfolio budget statements on page 85?

Answer

Reported number of regional links activities

At page 85 of *Portfolio Budget Statements 2014-15*, the figure of 26 refers to the **actual** number of Regional Links projects that were funded in 2013-14. This exceeded an **estimate** of 12 projects, which was reported at page 109 of *Portfolio Budget Statements 2013-14* (for the Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education Portfolio).

The relevant table at page 85 in *Portfolio Budget Statements 2014-15* continues to report an estimate of 12 projects for each financial year from 2014-15 to 2017-18, which identifies an estimate of the number of projects that will be funded in each of those years.