

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment

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

Cross Portfolio

Department of Employment Question No. EM0115_15

Senator Ludwig provided in writing.

Question

Existing resources

1. Since 7 September how many major projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'? 2. List each project or piece of work 3. List the staffing assigned to each task 4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? 5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?

Answer

The department manages its resources flexibly to meet the government's priorities. The Department of Employment Portfolio Budget Statements contain information on new policies and programmes, including additional resourcing provided to the department for implementation. Where no additional resources are provided the department implements new policies and priorities within existing resources. To collect the information on staffing and other resources assigned to each of these programs and policies would be an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.