

**Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education**

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

**Shared Services**

**Department of Education Question No. ED0596\_15**

**Senator Wright asked on 22 October 2014 , Hansard page 7**

**Question**

**London Travel - run of the program**

Senator WRIGHT: Also, I understand that although that suite was booked out for the day, the minister actually attended meetings outside that suite. He was, for a significant portion of the day, actually at the High Commission or at the High Commissioner's residence. Can you confirm that he did have meetings and what those meetings were? Ms Paul: We had a full day of business in London. I can't recall the full run of meetings. They certainly included, for example, the most important reason for that trip, which was to strike a completely new piece of architecture with the UK called the Australia UK education agreement. We actually agreed with the then minister for higher education, Minister Willetts, amongst other things, a form of agreement between Australia and the UK on higher education collaboration covering international education and other aspects of higher education. That is actually a really important thing to do and has never been done before. So that is the highlight of the day. Otherwise I would have to give you the run of the program on notice. Senator WRIGHT: Thank you, Ms Paul.

**Answer**

On 28 April 2014, Minister Pyne travelled from Rome to London and then undertook the following official business, at the conclusion of which he departed London for Australia:

- Met with the Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, then Secretary of State for Education;
- Delivered a speech on Australian education at the Policy Exchange; and
- Met with the Rt Hon David Willetts MP, then Minister for Universities and Science.