

Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment - Education

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

Outcome 3 - Higher Education, Reform & Support

Department of Education Question No. ED0707_15

Senator Carr provided in writing.

Question

3.5 Investment in Higher Education Research

HDR completions exceeded the performance indicator of 7,400 by more than 24 per cent (at 9,193) in 2013-14 (Annual Report, p. 72). a. Please explain the reason for this. b. Does the Department intend to modify the indicator for future years?

Answer

- a. Higher degree by research (HDR) completions consist of completions from RTS students, domestic non-RTS students and overseas students. The difference between the estimated number of HDR completions and the actual number of completions in 2013 is due to a growth in overseas completions over time.
- b. The Department will continue to monitor the appropriateness of its performance indicators.