

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000640

Senator Reynolds, Linda asked on 21 October 2015, Proof Hansard page 11

MoG: previous movements and costs

Question

Senator REYNOLDS: In relation to machinery-of-government costs I am wondering, just for the sake of completeness, whether you would be able to also advise the committee of comparable costs, for example, during the six years of the previous government? When you are sourcing those figures, could you advise—if now, great; if not, on notice—about the cost of how many times the minister changed, the machinery-of-government changes involved and the reportable costs and movements associated with that? Would you have those here now?

Ms Paul: No, we would not have them now. In terms of the department of which the current department was a part, which was education, employment and workplace relations in those years, education from 2013 and then education and training from December 2014—

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Ms Paul: As I was suggesting to Senator Urquhart, I think education, employment, workplace relations, health a bit—perhaps not as much—family, community services and social services tend to have quite a lot of movement. Certainly in our field there is over time.

Senator REYNOLDS: If you are happy to take that on notice, that would be great.

Ms Paul: We will see what we can do. That is a former government. I am not sure whether we would have the figures still, but, if we are able to get them, we will do our best.

Senator REYNOLDS: Could you provide what the various ministerial movements were, what the machinery-of-government movements were and what the associated costs were? I am not asking for new information. If you can compile it, that would be great.

Ms Paul: We will see what we can do.

Answer

Attached is a list of Education related Ministerial and Machinery of Government changes since 2007. The department has not kept a separate record of the effort associated with the implementation of function changes.

Education Related Ministerial and Machinery of Government Changes since 2007

Prime Minister	Ministerial Responsibility	Dept. Name	MoG transfer of functions			
			Higher Education, Research & International (HERI)	Vocational Education and Training (VET) & Skills	Schools & Youth	Early Childhood
Kevin Rudd December 2007 – June 2010	Julia Gillard Minister for Education December 2007 – June 2010	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations				
Julia Gillard June 2010 – July 2013	Simon Crean Minister for Education June 2010 – September 2010 Chris Evans Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations September 2010 – December 2011 Kate Ellis Minister for Early Childhood Education, Childcare and Youth June 2009 – June 2010 Peter Garrett Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth September 2010 – July 2013	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Responsibility for Promotion and Marketing of International Education was transferred to AusTrade on 1 July 2010 Functions relating to quality assurance for Higher Education transferred to Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency on 1 July 2011 HERI transferred to Department of Industry on 13 December 2011	Responsibility for registering training organisations and accredited course was relinquished to the Australian Skills Quality Authority on 1 July 2010 VET & Skills Transferred to Department of Industry on 13 December 2011		
Kevin Rudd July 2013 – September 2013	Bill Shorten Minister for Education July 2013 – September 2013	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations				