

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

QUESTION ON NOTICE Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016

Outcome: Higher Education Research and International

Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000656

Senator Carr, Kim asked on 21 October 2015, Proof Hansard page 62

Also refer to previous hearing Question No. SQ15-000390 and SQ15-000380

Commonwealth grant scheme moneys (SQ15-000390 and SQ15-000380)

Question

Senator KIM CARR: In terms of the Commonwealth Grant Scheme moneys, in the previous estimates I sort information regarding STEM students operating in the department. You basically said that there were 15 programs operating in the department, particularly for summer schools and the like. There seems to be that only one continues beyond 2016—is that correct?

Ms Paul: You are referring to a question on notice?

Senator KIM CARR: Yes—SQ15000390 and 380.

Ms Paul: It crosses the questions cross schools and higher education and vocational educational etcetera. If we have not given you end dates, we probably have to retake it on notice and give you end dates.

Senator KIM CARR: Well, put that on notice.

Answer

The current schools and higher education programmes operating within the department that deal with science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics (STEM) were listed in SQ15-000390.

The following programmes currently have funding allocations that continue beyond 2016. A number of projects within the programmes will continue beyond the funding end date.

Programme	Funding ends
Restoring the focus on STEM: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) pilot• Mathematics by inquiry resources• Coding across the curriculum• Summer schools for STEM students	June 2017 June 2018 June 2018 September 2018
Maths Science Participation Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science by Doing• Primary Connections: Linking science with literacy	May 2018 June 2018

The current Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute (AMSI) Vacation Schools and Scholarships project ends in 2016. As clarified in in SQ15-000380, the decision about any future funding for activities beyond 2015-16 is a matter for the Minister.