

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Sustainable Research Excellence changed performance indicators

Question

Senator KIM CARR: So, the SRE program has ceased to exist, has it?

Mr Bowditch: No, it is an ongoing program.

Senator KIM CARR: But the projections are no longer publicised.

Mr English: I think there are two points here. The SRE program is a line item in the budget, and its forward projections are reported in the budget as per all the other programs that exist within the department, as well as the research space obviously. What was taken out was the identification of the percentage ratio between the indirect and direct costs of research as a performance measure, because that is not a performance indicator that is part of the new framework for managing those programs.

Senator KIM CARR: When was that changed?

Mr English: I would have to check the record and take that on notice.

Answer

The key performance indicators for Programme 2.5 were changed in the 2014-15 Portfolio Budget Statements.