

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. SQ15-000723

Senator Kim Carr provided asked on 21 October 2015, Proof Hansard page 34

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Question

Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. So who did Mr Griew consult with?

Ms Borthwick: We asked Mr Griew to consult with all of the university peak bodies, the crossbenchers and, as the consultancy developed, other people were nominated.

Senator KIM CARR: So peak bodies, crossbenchers—did they approach any individual universities?

Ms Borthwick: Yes, I believe he did; I think he spoke to some vice-chancellors

Senator KIM CARR: Can you tell me which VCs?

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Senator KIM CARR: Which ones did he speak to?

Ms Borthwick: I am not sure that we have the complete list with us, so I would prefer to take that on notice.

Ms Paul: I think there were also some who could not meet with him in the time frame, so it is probably better if we take on notice who he contacted.

Senator KIM CARR: This is in a month—they could not meet with him in a month?

Ms Paul: I gather some people that he approached—I do not know. We will have to get the information from him.

Senator KIM CARR: Did he meet with any of the private providers?

Ms Borthwick: I believe he spoke to Adrian McComb from COPHE and, I think as well Rod Camm from ACPET but, again, if I could check that and take it on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Any private individual companies?

Ms Borthwick: Not that I am aware of, but I will take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: Any students?

Ms Borthwick: I do not think so.

Senator KIM CARR: No? Any unions? Trade unions—none of those?

Ms Borthwick: No, I do not think so.

Senator KIM CARR: None?

Ms Borthwick: Not that I am aware of, but I will take that on notice.

Senator KIM CARR: NTEU?

Ms Borthwick: Not that I am aware of.

Senator Birmingham: I think they are a union.

Senator KIM CARR: Can I have the dates on which he met with these people?

Ms Borthwick: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

Mr Griew has advised that he met with the following people, most in person and some by phone over the period between 20 July and the end of the project on 31 August 2015:

Belinda Robinson, CEO of Universities Australia

Adrian McComb, CEO and Don Owers, Chair of the Council of Private Higher Education

Rod Camm, CEO of the Australian Council for Private Education and Training

Renee Hindmarsh, Executive Director, Australian Technology Network
Conor King, Executive Director, Innovative Research Universities
Vicki Thompson, CEO, Group of Eight
Caroline Perkins, Executive Director, Regional Universities Network
Malcolm White, Acting CEO, TAFE Directors Australia
Professor Peter Dawkins, Vice Chancellor, Victoria University
Professor Attila Brungs, Vice Chancellor, University of Technology Sydney
Office of Professor Glyn Davis, University of Melbourne
Professor Ian Young, Vice Chancellor, Australian National University
Dr Michael Spence, University of Sydney
Professor Paul Wellings, Vice Chancellor, University of Wollongong
Professor Peter Hoj, Vice Chancellor, University of Queensland
Professor David Lloyd, Vice Chancellor, University of South Australia
Professor Peter Noonan, Victoria University
Senator Nick Xenophon
Senator Zhenya Wang
Senator David Leyonhjelm
Office of Senator Ricky Muir

Mr Griew also had phone and email correspondence with the offices of Senators Lambie and Lazarus, which did not lead to meetings. The project office attempted to make contact with the National Tertiary Education Union and the National Union of Students but did not hear back.