

**Senate Committee: Education and Employment**

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2015 - 2016**

**Outcome: Cross Portfolio - Corporate**

**Department of Education and Training Question No. SQ15-000726**

Senator Ludwig, Joe provided in writing

***Departmental Rebranding***

**Question**

1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since the leadership change in September, 2015? If so:
  - a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?
    - i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.
    - b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:
      - i. Signage.
      - ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).
      - iii. Logos
      - iv. Consultancy
      - v. Any relevant IT changes.
      - vi. Office reconfiguration.
    - c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?
      - i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.
  2. Following the changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?
  3. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?
  4. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?

**Answer**

1. No

2.& 3. Yes. The Department of Education and Training, through its Shared Services Centre, continues to provide a range of services to other agencies. The services shared (with examples) are outlined below:

- Information and Communication Technology (desktop and infrastructure)
- finance (accounts payable, procurement)
- human resources (payroll and recruitment)
- workplace services (accommodation and security)
- information services (records management and library)

- communication services (website design and publishing)
- assurance (fraud investigations, continuity, IT security)

The department does not plan to cease sharing of these services.

4. The scope and level of services, and therefore their costs, to the department have increased as a result of the machinery of government change which transferred the Early Childhood and Child Care functions from the Department of Social Services (DSS). DSS transferred funding commensurate with the additional costs to be borne by the department.