

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. SQ15-000743

Senator Carr, Kim provided in writing

Higher Education Disability Support Program

Question

In regards top the Higher Education Disability Support Program:

- (1) Can the Department confirm the standing of the current Higher Education Disability Support Program Budget in its itemised entirety, including the Additional Support for Students with Disabilities (ASSD), Performance-based Disability Support Funding, and The Australian Disability Clearinghouse on Education and Training (ADCET)?
- (2) How much annual funding does the Australian Clearinghouse for Disability in Education and Training currently receive under the Disability Support Program? What does this funding current cover? When is this funding expected to end?
- (3) Has Government given the Department an indication of if the Australian Clearinghouse for Disability in Education and Training is likely to be refunded within the 2016/17 Budget?
- (4) Can the Department provide a detailed synopsis of what the Australian Clearinghouse for Disability in Education and Training currently does, what outcomes are expected from Government and how these outcomes are assessed and measured?

Answer

(1) Current Higher Education Disability Support Programme (DSP) Budget

Components under DSP	2015
Additional Support for Students with Disabilities	\$5.993 million
Performance-based Disability Support Funding	\$1.000 million
Australian Clearinghouse for Disability in Education and Training website	\$0.076 million
TOTAL DSP	\$7.069 million

2) The Australian Clearinghouse for Disability in Education and Training (ADCET) has been allocated \$76,259 under the DSP in 2015. The funding covers ongoing maintenance and development of the website, ongoing quality assurance of the website content and obtaining and presenting of material on the website.

3) The DSP is an ongoing programme and ADCET is a component of the DSP as specified in the *Other Grants Guidelines (Education) 2012*.

4) Please refer to www.adcet.edu.au.